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**Investigation by LA County Consumer and Business Affairs  
 Leads to Three Charged in Fraudulent Immigration Services  
 Case**

*LA County District Attorney Announces Charges Against Three  
 Accused of Scamming Immigrants Seeking Legal Services*

A years-long investigation by the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), in partnership with the LA County District Attorney’s Notario Fraud Unit, has resulted in three family members being charged with scamming dozens of immigrants by unlawfully providing legal services for residency or work permits. Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced the charges today.

Oscar Mauricio Gil, of South Los Angeles, was charged with 19 felony counts of grand theft and three counts of conspiracy to commit a crime. His sister, Judith Gil, was charged with 31 counts of felony grand theft, three counts of conspiracy to commit a crime, and one count of extortion. Her daughter, Minerva Gil, was charged with 22 felony counts of grand theft and three counts of conspiracy to commit a crime.

“Exploiting or harassing some of our most vulnerable residents should never be tolerated,” said DCBA Director Rafael Carbajal. “Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs is committed to educating, defending, and advocating for the County’s most vulnerable residents.”

“The immigrant community should not be preyed upon and swindled out of their money from unscrupulous scammers,” District Attorney Gascón said.

Between Jan. 1, 2008, and June 2021, the defendants worked under the business name FJA and Associates based from their home and allegedly conspired to illegally provide immigration services. The trio allegedly filed invalid political asylum cases for the victims resulting in the majority being unknowingly processed for deportation and collected \$101,128 from 38 victims.



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The case remains under investigation. If you believe you have been a victim in this case or suspect you have been a victim of [immigration fraud](#), please contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at **(213) 974-1452** or **(800) 593-8222**.

Arrest in case BA496552 is set for today in Department 30 of the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

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