



Bail bondsman pleads guilty to bribing judge

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BROWNSVILLE, Texas — A South Texas bail bondsman charged with bribing a former state district judge has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting extortion.

U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno says 46-year-old Francisco Cisneros of Brownsville entered his plea Monday.

Moreno says that at Monday's hearing before a federal judge, Cisneros admitted paying \$2,000 to a middle man to bribe former state District Judge Abel Limas to change a cash or surety bond to a personal recognizance bond for a drug defendant. Limas, who pleaded guilty to racketeering earlier this year, has admitted receiving \$700 to issue the order.

Cisneros faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. He's set to be sentenced on Nov. 14.

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