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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES FELONY CHARGES AGAINST ONE MTA WORKER AND A FORMER EMPLOYEE IN ALLEGED PYRAMID SCHEME

The Los Angeles District Attorney has filed felony charges against an MTA employee and a former employee for their alleged involvement in a pyramid scheme called "Friends Helping Friends."

Kevin Tate, 33, a former supervisor in the Customer Relations Division, and Gloria Sanchez, 33, a Customer Services Representative, have been charged with one count each of operating an endless chain scheme in violation of California Penal Code, section 327.

It is alleged that Tate used his position as a supervisor to persuade several other MTA employees to invest in the scheme, many of whom lost sums ranging from \$125 to \$2,500. Tate has been terminated by the MTA. Disciplinary action against Sanchez is pending.

The investigation was carried out by the MTA Office of Inspector General.

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