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## **EP security guard receives over \$25,000 in back wages**

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Juan Vielma, an El Paso security guard removed from his job a year ago for not joining a union or paying union fees has received \$40,150 in back wages from his employer after recently being reinstated to his job.

After taxes, Vielma last week got a check for \$25,352 from a joint venture of New Mexico-based Akal Security and Minnesota-based Deco Security.

He returned to work last month after a federal administrative law judge ruled in his favor.

The International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America is appealing the judge's ruling. The Texas attorney general's office last week filed a lawsuit against the union and companies, claiming they violated the state's right-to-work laws.