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El Paso guard returns to work after spurning union

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An El Paso security guard removed from his job a year ago because he refused to join a union or pay union dues has returned to his job.

Juan Vielma, in an e-mail to the El Paso Times, reported that he returned to work today. His employer, a joint venture of New Mexico-based Akal Security and Minnesota-based Deco Security, late last month offered to reinstate him after a federal administrative law judge ruled in Vielma's favor and ordered his reinstatement.

The International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America is appealing the judge's decision, and the Texas attorney general's office is investigating the matter.