

Boston man sentenced for bribing RMV to give driver's licenses to migrants who failed road test

"BOSTON – A former driving instructor was sentenced yesterday for conspiring to defraud the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) into issuing driver's licenses to applicants who did not pass the road test.

Ngan Dinh, 48, of Boston, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to two years' probation with the first six months to be served as home confinement with GPS monitoring, a fine of \$4,000, and a \$5,450 forfeiture. In March 2024, Dinh pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit honest services mail fraud.

Dinh, a naturalized U.S. citizen who speaks Vietnamese and some English, circulated business cards to the Vietnamese community. The potential licensees who contacted Dinh were Vietnamese immigrants who did not speak or read English. They relied on Dinh to help them comply with RMV rules and requirements they did not understand. Instead, Dinh bribed a road test examiner at the Brockton RMV to misrepresent to the RMV that Dinh's customers had passed the road test – when in fact they had not. Some customers did not even show up for the test.

Customers paid Dinh as much as \$1,200 – with Dinh insisting that all payments be in cash. Dinh persuaded some customers to pay him such large amounts by lying to them. For example, he told some applicants that the RMV was not offering road tests because of the pandemic, which was false, and that he could get them licenses because he was a "certified rep" for the RMV

– a non-existent position. Dinh paid the RMV employee a \$100 cash bribe for each of his customers and kept the rest of the money for himself.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Christopher A. Scharf, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General, Northeast Region made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Christine J. Wichers and Adam W. Deitch of the Public Corruption & Special Prosecution Unit prosecuted the case.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.