

## EXHIBIT 34



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
INVESTIGATION SERVICES**



**DATE INTERVIEWED:** January 4, 2012

**PERSON INTERVIEWED:** Gonzalez, Jose L.

**INTERVIEWED BY:** Special Agent (SA) Jason Williams,  
SA Joel Veiguela

**LOCATION:** [REDACTED]

**REFERENCE:** FAST TRAIN (FT)

**CASE NUMBER:** 11-041380

On January 4, 2012, SA Williams and SA Veiguela interviewed Jose Gonzalez (Gonzalez) regarding his employment at FT. After being advised of the reporting agents' identities and the purpose of the interview, Gonzalez provided the following information in essence:

Gonzalez began his employment at FT-Jacksonville in May 2010, as an admissions representative. He commuted every day between his home in Orlando, FL to the campus in Jacksonville, FL, over 300 miles round trip. Gonzalez continued his commute between the two cities until he wasn't physically able to do so in October 2010. Gonzalez then worked for Florida Technical College, Orlando, FL from October 2010 until February 2011. In February 2011, Gonzalez received an offer from Michael GRUBBS, FT-Jacksonville campus Director, for the position of FT Regional Campus Director of Clearwater and Tampa. Gonzalez accepted the position. Before his employment at FT, Gonzalez was the Director of Admissions for Galiano Career Academy.

Immediately after becoming the Regional Campus Director, Alex AMOR, FT Owner, told Gonzalez to raise his enrollment numbers he needed to "hire some hot mommas." AMOR instructed Gonzalez to go to area strip clubs and "hire the sluttiest girls he could find." Gonzalez remarked that he was a Christian man and did not know how to hire those kinds of women, so Juan ARREOLA, FT Regional Director for Admissions, told Gonzalez he would come up and show him how it was done. ARREOLA arrived a few days later with three women who he said were recruited from Miami area strip clubs who now worked as admissions representatives for FT in South Florida. Gonzalez, could not

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recall the women's names but said one was a black female, the other Dominican, and the other Puerto Rican. They all wore short skirts and stiletto heels. These women recruited a large number of men from the mall and from areas around Tampa that had high crime rates. ARREOLA routinely told female admissions representatives at all the campuses to wear shorter skirts and higher heels to help enrollment numbers. ARREOLA also took the women to area homeless shelters to help recruit ineligible students.

AMOR told Gonzalez to overlook the fact that students did not have a high school diploma. AMOR told him, if the student checked the box on the enrollment agreement that said they had a high school diploma, then the student should not be questioned further, "you are not private investigators." ARREOLA said if the potential students did not have a high school diploma, he should check the box anyway that said the student did have a high school diploma and just tell the students what to say before they got to financial aid. Gonzalez trained his entire staff to coach students if they did not have a high school diploma to say they did before they spoke with a financial aid representative.

A financial aid representative Kenyata LNU, routinely challenged students and asked them about their high school diploma status, she was subsequently fired by AMOR. AMOR told Gonzalez he had a place in Miami where he could get students high school diplomas if students needed them; Gonzalez never knew the source of the diplomas.

A representative named Jose GONZALEZ was sent from the FT-Miami campus to Jacksonville to help enrollment numbers. GONZALEZ would do whatever was needed to get people in the door of FT. GRUBBS was aware that GONZALEZ was recruiting students who did not have a high school diploma or GED. Anthony MINCEY, Deputy Director of Admissions at FT-Jacksonville would often ride around with GONZALEZ and would recruit carloads of people at a time.

David MARQUEZ, an admissions representative from FT-Tampa would recruit on average 100 students a month, of which 80 students did not have high school diplomas.

A student that attended the FT-Jacksonville campus named Jorge LNU, did not speak English. After speaking with financial aid, the staff determined that Jorge would not be able to understand the classes. Financial aid staff objected but AMOR promised the student he would find him a job if he made it through the program, about a month into the program, the student failed to return.

FT campuses routinely gave students bus tokens to attend the first few weeks of class, thereafter they stopped giving the students transportation money because they no longer

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needed them to show up. FT was able to withdraw the money on the student's behalf after they attended a few times.

Starts initially began once every six weeks, AMOR told campus directors they were not making enough money, so they began starts once every three weeks. Students who were started sometimes were back dated to the previous start for billing purposes so that FT could withdraw aid on the student before they were allowed to do so. The admissions representatives were instructed by AMOR and Santiago MARTINEZ, Corporate Educational Director, to back date the enrollment agreements.

AMOR was adamant and routinely told his Directors to never under any circumstances send him emails regarding students eligibility. Gonzalez once emailed AMOR to ask about a student who had previously enrolled but dropped out and still have a \$4,000 balance. AMOR immediately called him after he sent the email and told him, if he sent an email about a student again he would be fired. AMOR cleared the debt so that the student could draw financial aid on the new semester.

Gonzalez was fired in July 2011, by GRUBBS under the direction of AMOR, because AMOR said the school needed someone who could really bring in the numbers he was looking for. GRUBBS and Gonzalez are still in contact because they were independent friends of the school. Gonzalez filed for unemployment and was denied.

At the conclusion of the interview Gonzalez agreed to make consensually monitored telephone conversations to GRUBBS and MINCEY.

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