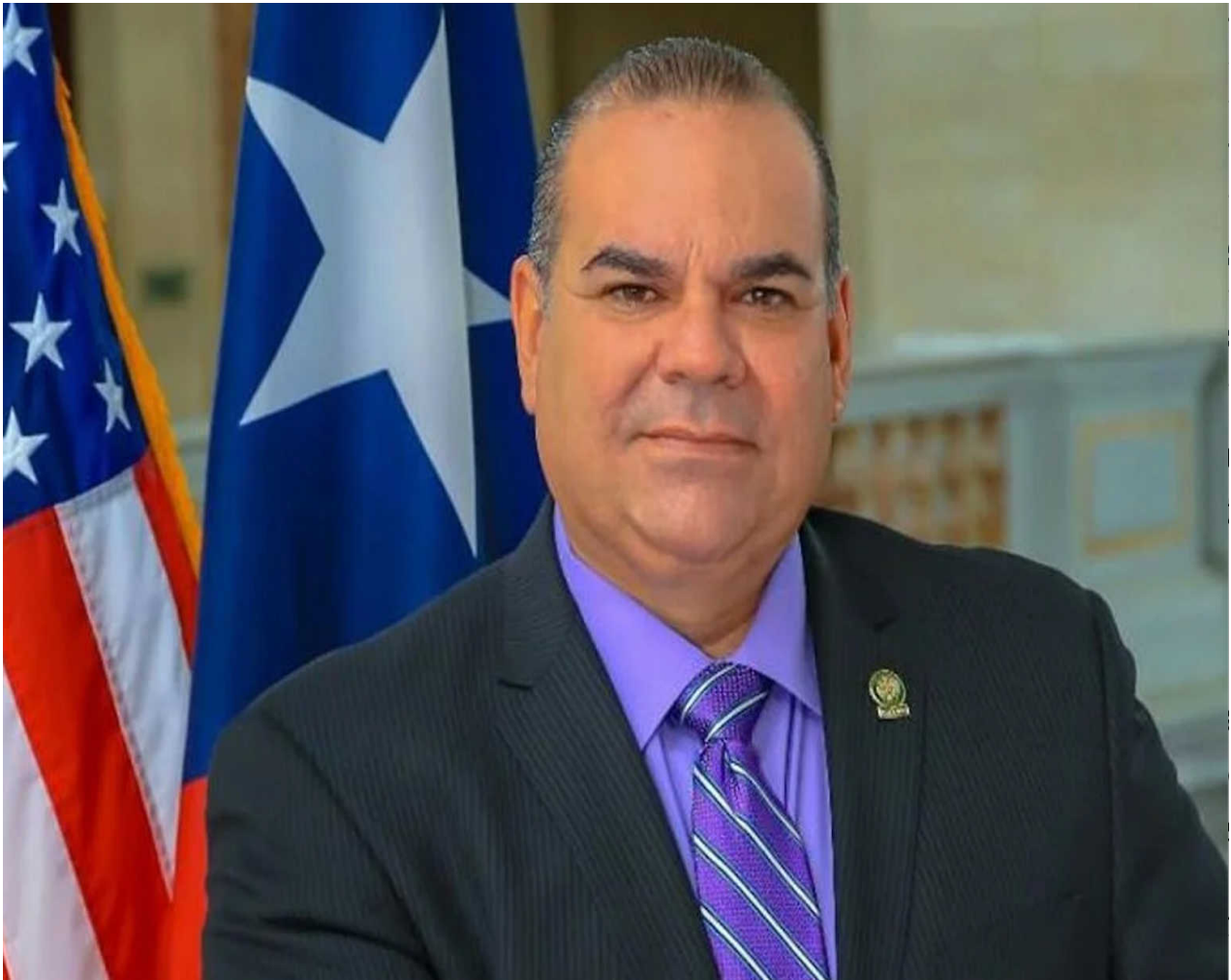


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Puerto Rico Legislator Sentenced to Federal Prison For Taking Weekly Kickbacks From Employees

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Nelson del Valle Colón

A former Puerto Rico legislator was sentenced on Wednesday to 4 years, seven months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to bribing his employees and receiving kickbacks from them on a weekly basis.

According to the Associated Press, Nelson del Valle Colón, who was elected to Puerto Rico's House of Representatives in 2004 and 2016, was accused of hiring two women to work in his office and demanding biweekly kickbacks from them ranging from about \$500 to \$1,300 for more than three years in exchange for their employment and salaries.

Along with his yearslong sentence, the former legislator, who resigned from the Puerto Rico House of Representatives in August, 2020, must also pay \$190,000 restitution.

The two women have also pleaded guilty and are expected to face sentencing sometime this month, according to the AP.

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