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A former Kirksville restaurant owner received an 11-month prison sentence last week for Social Security fraud. The sentence is the result of a plea agreement reached in August between El Vaquero owner Neftali Lopez and the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

The case involved Neftali Lopez with his wife, Wanda, participating in a conspiracy to defraud the United States through the theft, Social Security fraud, harboring, false attestation for citizenship purposes and aggravated identity theft.

El Vaquero owner Neftali Lopez accepted a plea agreement Oct. 8 and entered a guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and one count of aggravated identity theft. Lopez was sentenced to 11 months in federal prison. He was also ordered to pay $244,401.38 in restitution and was placed on federal supervised release for three years.

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