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WHO: RONNIE “RIZZA” ISLAM
WHAT: Criminal Case (BA435374)
WHEN: June 26, 2023
WHERE: Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (210 W. Temple St,
Los Angeles, CA 90012)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA – In the fall of 2015, the California Attorney General’s Office filed criminal charges against Ronnie “Rizza” Islam to which Rizza has maintained his innocence. Rizza was charged with Presenting False Medi-Cal Claims and Insurance Fraud for acts which are alleged to have occurred between the years of 2010 and 2013. The charges were not filed until two years after the alleged criminal acts. For nearly seven years, Rizza has been fighting to clear his name of the charges. The government alleges that Rizza was involved in a scheme where he pretended to teach students to refrain from drug use so others could bill the government’s Medi-Cal program. Rizza has retained criminal defense attorney, Jeremy McLymont, founding attorney of Asilia Law Firm, P.A.

For nearly two decades, Rizza Islam has been a leader, teacher, and mentor to thousands of individuals. Since the age of 11, Rizza has unselfishly poured into his community to teach a program that has bettered the lives of countless people. Rizza has taught on topics such as health, history, self-worth, knowledge of self, and economic independence to name a few. Going places most would not, Rizza has worked to prevent proximity crime in the Black community, crime that is often, but erroneously, referred to as Black-on-Black crime. Rizza’s track record in the fight for equal treatment of Black folks is remarkable. “The allegation that Rizza defrauded the government out of money by pretending to teach students is contrary to his fabric. What other individuals were doing behind his back while he was teaching is something he had no knowledge or control over. He is innocent of the charged crimes.” said Attorney McLymont.

Rizza was one of dozens who were charged with defrauding the government in this alleged scheme, and he is the only defendant remaining who has not accepted a plea agreement from the government. During trial, Rizza will challenge the government’s ability to prove their case against him beyond a reasonable doubt.

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