

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**\* CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 11-134**

**V.**

**\* SECTION: "R"**

**ISRAEL HERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ**

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**a/k/a Jaime**

**a/k/a Isreal Hernandez**

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**a/k/a Ramiro Gonzalez**

**a/k/a Ramiro Durate**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proved beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible tangible exhibits, the following facts to support the allegations charged by the Indictment now pending against the defendant:

The Defendant, **ISRAEL HERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ** (hereinafter "**HERNANDEZ**"), has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the two-count Indictment charging him two counts of unlawful transfer of a false identification document, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028(a)(2).

In early April 2011, agents of Homeland Security Investigations (hereinafter

“HSI”) received information from a confidential source that an individual named “Jaime”, later learned to be the defendant, **HERNANDEZ**, was selling fraudulent Permanent Resident Cards and Social Security cards. On April 7, 2011, a confidential informant (hereinafter “CI”), under the direction of HSI agents, placed a recorded telephone call to **HERNANDEZ**, who answered to the name Jaime. The CI arranged a meeting with **HERNANDEZ** in front of a store located at 4656 Alcee Fortier Boulevard in New Orleans, Louisiana.

After the telephone call, HSI agents provided the CI with \$140 in currency for the purchase of identification documents from **HERNANDEZ**. Once at 4656 Alcee Fortier Boulevard, **HERNANDEZ** photographed the CI in front of the store and told the CI that he would return a short time later with identification documents. Approximately three hours later, the CI met with **HERNANDEZ** in the parking lot of a pharmacy at 4617 Alcee Fortier Boulevard in New Orleans. **HERNANDEZ** gave the CI an envelope in exchange for \$130 in the currency provided by HSI. The CI and **HERNANDEZ** then left that location separately. The envelope contained a Social Security card bearing Social Security Number XXX-XX-8935 with the name Jose Hernandez. The envelope also contained a Permanent Resident Card bearing Alien Registration Number XXX-XXX-481 and a photograph of the CI with the name Jose Hernandez. The Permanent Resident Card and Social Security card were remitted to HSI agents by the CI.

An official with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (hereinafter “CIS”) would testify that Permanent Resident Cards are issued to individuals who lawfully apply for and are granted Lawful Permanent Resident status by CIS. The CIS official would testify that a Permanent Resident Card also known as a Form I-551 or “Green Card”, is issued to a Lawful Permanent Resident for entry into and evidence of authorized stay and employment in the United States. The CIS official would testify each person granted Lawful Permanent Resident status is issued an Alien Registration number, which is printed on the Permanent Resident Card issued to that person. The CIS official would further testify that the issuance of Permanent Resident Cards is administered by CIS, an agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security, and is regulated by CIS and HSI.

The CIS official would also testify that Alien Registration number XXX-XXX-481 printed on the Permanent Resident Card transferred by **HERNANDEZ** was assigned to a person other than the CI or “Jose Hernandez” according to CIS records.

An official from the Social Security Administration would testify that Social Security numbers are issued by that agency to individuals who lawfully apply for Social Security cards. Records from the Social Security Administration would be introduced into evidence to show that Social Security account number XXX-XX-8935 was not properly assigned to the CI or “Jose Hernandez”.

An HSI agent would testify that he encountered **HERNANDEZ** in May 2011. The HSI agent would testify that he determined **HERNANDEZ** was illegally present in the United States. **HERNANDEZ** was read his *Miranda* rights, and afterwards, told the agents his true name, Israel Hernandez-Gonzalez. **HERNANDEZ** further admitted to selling fraudulent identification documents in the New Orleans area.

Finally, a forensic document examiner from the HSI Forensic Document Laboratory would testify that upon he conducted physical, microscopic, instrumental and comparative examinations of the Social Security card bearing Social Security Number XXX-XX-8935 and the Permanent Resident Card bearing Alien Registration Number XXX-XXX-481, which were transferred by **HERNANDEZ** on April 7, 2011. The forensic document examiner would testify that he determined both of those identification documents to be counterfeit.

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ISRAEL HERNANDEZ-GONZALEZ  
Defendant

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