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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of California

United States of America v.

Alfredo Lopez-Villegas

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Case No.

CR-14-0078-EMC

Defendant

### **ARREST WARRANT**

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay (name of person to be arrested) ALFREDO LOPEZ-VILLEGAS

who is accused of an	offence or violation	based on the	following document	filed with the court
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Probation Violation Petition
Supervised Release Violation Petition
Violation Notice
Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

21:846 Conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine 21:841(a)(1) Possession with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine

Date: Feb 13, 2014

Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Oakland, CA

Kelly Collins, Deputy Clerk Printed name and title

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RICHARD W. WIEKING CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA OAKLAND

DEFENDANT.

INDICTMENT

21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession With Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Drug Forfeiture Allegation

A true bill.

Foreman

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13	Plaintiff,       ) <u>VIOLATIONS</u> : 21 U.S.C. § 846 – Conspiracy to         ) Distribute and Possess With Intent to Distribute		
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15	ALFREDO LOPEZ-VILLEGAS, and ALEJANDRO MIRANDA, ) of Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 853 – Drug Forfeiture Allegation		
16	Defendants.		
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19	INDICTMENT		
20	The Grand Jury charges:		
21	<u>COUNT ONE:</u> (21 U.S.C. § 846 – Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess With Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine)		
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23	Beginning at least as early as February 1, 2013, and continuing through at least November 1,		
24	2013, both dates being approximate and inclusive, in the Northern District of California, the defendants,		
25	ALFREDO LOPEZ-VILLEGAS, and ALEJANDRO MIRANDA,		
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27	and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to possess		
28	with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 grams or more of a Schedule II controlled substance, to wit:		

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1	methamphetamine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title
2	21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A).
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4 5	<u>COUNT TWO:</u> (21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession With Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Methamphetamine)
6	On or about February 1, 2013, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,
7	ALEJANDRO MIRANDA,
8	did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and distribute a Schedule II controlled
9	substance, to wit: 5 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and
10	salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B).
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12	<u>COUNT THREE:</u> $(21 \text{ U.S.C. } \$41(a)(1) - Possession With Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Mathematical$
13	Methamphetamine)
14	On or about February 26, 2013, in the Northern District of California, the defendant,
15	ALEJANDRO MIRANDA,
16	did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and distribute a Schedule II controlled
17	substance, to wit: 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and
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3	On or about November 1, 2013, in the Northern District of California, the defendants,
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5	ALEJANDRO MIRANDA,
6	did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute and distribute a Schedule II controlled
7	substance, to wit: 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and
8	salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A).
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10	DRUG FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (21 U.S.C. § 853 – Drug Forfeiture)
11	1. The factual allegations contained in Counts One through Five of this Indictment are re-
12	alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to
13	the provisions of 21 U.S.C. §§ 853(a)(1) and (2).
14	2. Upon a conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Five, the defendants,
15 16	ALFREDO LOPEZ-VILLEGAS, and ALEJANDRO MIRANDA,
17	shall forfeit to the United States all right, title and interest in any property constituting and derived from
18	any proceeds defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said violations, and any property
19	used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of said
20	violations.
21	3. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants, any of said property
22	a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
23	b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with, a third person;
24	c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
25	d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
26	e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided
27	without difficulty;
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any and all interest defendants have in any other property (not to exceed the value of the above forfeitable property) shall be vested in the United States and forfeited to the United States. All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a)(1), (a)(2), (p) and Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. DATED: February 13, 2013 A TRUE BILL. FOREPERSON MELINDA HAAG United States Attorney as WILSON J. DOUGLAS Chief, Criminal Division (Approved as to form: FRANK J. RIEBLI Assistant United States Attorney 

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DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO	A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT
BY: COMPLAINT INFORMATION INDICTMENT OFFENSE CHARGED 21 U.S.C. § 846 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) Petty Minor Misde- meano SEALED PENALTY: see attached BY COURT ORDER Felony	BICHADO W. WIEKING DEFENDANT - U.S. DETRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
PROCEEDING         Name of Complaintant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)         Geoff Kolanowski, DEA Special Agent         person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court, give name of court	DEFENDANT         IS NOT IN CUSTODY Has not been arrested, pending outcome this proceeding.         1) X       If not detained give date any prior summons was served on above charges         2)       Is a Fugitive         3)       Is on Bail or Release from (show District)
<ul> <li>this person/proceeding is transferred from another district per (circle one) FRCrp 20, 21, or 40. Show District</li> <li>this is a reprosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:         <ul> <li>U.S. ATTORNEY</li> <li>DEFENSE</li> <li>this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant</li> <li>prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate regarding this defendant were recorded under</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	IS IN CUSTODY 4)  On this charge 5) On another conviction Conversion Conversi
Name and Office of Person Furnishing Information on this form <u>Melinda Haag</u> IN U.S. Attorney Other U.S. Agency Name of Assistant U.S.	DATE TRANSFERRED Month/Day/Year TO U.S. CUSTODY
Attorney (if assigned) Frank Riebli	
PROCESS: SUMMONS NO PROCESS* WARRANT If Summons, complete following: Arraignment Initial Appearance Defendant Address:	Bail Amount: * Where defendant previously apprehended on complaint, no new summons or warrant needed, since Magistrate has scheduled arraignment Date/Time: Before Judge:
Comments:	

### PENALTY SHEET

<u>COUNT ONE</u>: 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) – Conspiracy to distribute or possess with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine

a.	Minimum Term of Imprisonment:	10 years
b.	Maximum Term of Imprisonment:	Life
c.	Minimum Fine:	N/A
d.	Maximum Fine:	\$10,000,000
e.	Minimum Term of Supervised Release:	5 years
f.	Maximum Term of Supervised Release:	Life
g.	Mandatory Special Assessment:	\$100
h.	Denial of Federal Benefits:	5 years

<u>COUNT TWO</u>: 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) - Distribution and possession with the intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine

a.	Minimum Term of Imprisonment:	5 years
b.	Maximum Term of Imprisonment:	40 years
c.	Minimum Fine:	N/A
d.	Maximum Fine:	\$5,000,000
e.	Minimum Term of Supervised Release:	4 years
f.	Maximum Term of Supervised Release:	Life
g.	Mandatory Special Assessment:	\$100
h.	Denial of Federal Benefits:	5 years

<u>COUNT THREE</u>: 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) – Distribution and possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine

a.	Minimum Term of Imprisonment:	10 years
b.	Maximum Term of Imprisonment:	Life
c.	Minimum Fine:	N/A
d.	Maximum Fine:	\$10,000,000
e.	Minimum Term of Supervised Release:	5 years
f.	Maximum Term of Supervised Release:	Life
g.	Mandatory Special Assessment:	\$100
h.	Denial of Federal Benefits:	5 years

<u>COUNT FOUR</u>: 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A) – Distribution and possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine

a.	Minimum Term of Imprisonment:	10 years
b.	Maximum Term of Imprisonment:	Life

C.	Minimum Fine:	N/A
d.	Maximum Fine:	\$10,000,000
e.	Minimum Term of Supervised Release:	5 years
f.	Maximum Term of Supervised Release:	Life
g.	Mandatory Special Assessment:	\$100
h.	Denial of Federal Benefits:	5 years

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BY COURT ORDER X Felor	DISTRICT COURT NUMBER
ENALTY: Minimum 10 years in prison Maximum life prison term	CR14-00078 EMC
Maximum \$10,000,000 fine 5 years to life supervised release	UR14-00070 40
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15	Plaintiff, ) ORDER SEALING RECORD	
16	v. () <u>FILED UNDER SEAL</u>	
17	ALFREDO LOPEZ, and ) ALEJANDRO MIRANDA, )	
18	Defendants.	
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21	The Court has the inherent power and the discretion to seal its own record where doing so is	
22	necessary to protect a compelling interest, where there is a substantial probability that this compelling	
23	interest would be harmed if the Court does not seal its record, and where there are no other alternatives	
24	that would adequately protect that interest. See Nixon v. Warner Commc'n, Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 598	
25	(1978); In re Copley Press, Inc., 518 F.3d 1022, 1026 (9th Cir. 2008); Hagestad v. Tragesser, 49 F.3d	
26	1430, 1434 (9th Cir. 1995). After reviewing the present motion, the Court finds that sealing the record	
27	in this case is necessary to protect an ongoing criminal investigation and ensure the safety of a	
28	cooperating defendant. For these reasons, the Court finds that the government's compelling interests	

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1	outweigh the public's competing interest in open criminal proceedings. Accordingly, the Court orders
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	that the record in this case be sealed pending further order of this Court. Notwithsbarding, a capy of the indictment may be provided to the US Attorney's Office. IT IS SO ORDERED.
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20	Plaintiff the United States of America moves the Court to seal the record in the above-captioned	
21	case pending further order of the Court.	
22	I. ARGUMENT	
23	"Every court has supervisory power over its own records and files, and access has been denied	
24	where court files might have become a vehicle for improper purposes." Nixon v. Warner Commc'n,	
25	Inc., 435 U.S. 589, 598 (1978). The exercise of this inherent supervisory power is left to the Court's	
26	discretion. Hagestad v. Tragesser, 49 F.3d 1430, 1	434 (9th Cir. 1995). The Court's discretion to seal
27	records of criminal proceedings is not unlimited, he	owever, because the public have qualified First
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F.3d 1022, 1026 (9th Cir. 2008). To seal the proceedings, the government must show that (1) closure 2 serves a compelling interest, (2) there is a substantial probability that, in the absence of closure, this compelling interest would be harmed, and (3) there are no alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the compelling interest. Id. at 1028.<sup>1</sup>

5 There are compelling reasons to seal the proceedings in this case. First, the agents anticipate executing search and arrest warrants within the next seven to ten days. Keeping the case under seal will 6 7 help ensure the safety of the officers executing those warrants. Second, there is a Confidential Source 8 ("CS") in this case. Keeping the case under seal will provide the government an opportunity to ensure 9 he is safe from any harm the defendants may wish to do him when they discover that he has been cooperating with the government. Third, the government's investigation is ongoing, particularly as to 10 financial crimes the defendants may have committed. If the defendants are alerted about this case before 11 the agents have a chance to execute search warrants, the defendants may destroy evidence necessary to 12 13 prove the defendants' involvement in money laundering, drug trafficking and other illegal activities.

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### There Is a Substantial Probability of Harm if the Record is Not Sealed.

There is a substantial probability that the interests described above would be harmed if the record 15 in this case is not sealed. If the defendants learn of the indictment before the agents have a chance to 16 execute search warrants (in conjunction with the arrest warrants issued in this case), the execution of 17 18 those warrants will be more dangerous for the agents and ultimately fruitless, as the defendants will have had the opportunity to dispose of incriminating evidence. Further, the defendants may have the 19 opportunity exact revenge on the CS before the agents have moved him or taken other measures to 20 ensure his safety. 21

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#### Sealing the Record is the Only Way to Protect Those Compelling Interests.

The only way to protect the ongoing investigation and ensure the agents' and the CS's safety is to seal the indictment and supporting documents in this case. Though that impacts the public's interest in access to the judicial process, the compelling interests here justify that infringement. Moreover, the impact on the public's interest will be limited – the government anticipates unsealing the record when 26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The government need only show a "sufficiently important" reason to overcome the common-law presumption in favor of access. <u>In re Copley</u>, 518 F.3d at 1029.

1	the defendants make their initial appearance on the indictment.	
2	II. CONCLUSION	
3	For the foregoing reasons, the government requests that the Court seal the record pending further	
4	order of the Court.	
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6	MELINDA HAAG United States Attorney	
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# United States District Court Northern District of California

### SEALED BY COURT ORDER CRIMINAL COVER SHEET

**Instructions:** Effective January 3, 2012, this Criminal Cover Sheet must be completed and submitted, along with the Defendant Information Form, for each new criminal case.

Case Name:	Case Number: 0070 File
USA v. Alfredo Lopez and Alejandro Miranda	CR14-00078 - MC
Total Number of Defendants:         1       2-7         8 or more         Does this case involve ONLY charges under & U.S.C. § 1325 and/or 1326?         Yes       No	Is This Case Under Seal? Yes ✓ No
Venue (Per Crim. L.R. 18-1):       SF $\checkmark$ OAK         SJ         EUR         MON	
Is any defendant charged with a death-penalty-eligible crime? Yes No	Assigned AUSA (Lead Attorney): Frank Riebli
Is this a RICO Act gang case? Yes No	Date Submitted: February 13, 2014
Comments:	

