

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of Florida

United States of America

v.

Alexander Santiesteban, Darvis Santiesteban, Gilberto Santiesteban Sr, John Villalonga, David Silva, Raul Fabian Ramirez Jr, Francisco Javier Diaz, German Silvestro, Alejandro Pimentel, Dayana Castellanos, & Estrella J. Mijares,

Case No. 12-2788-White

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 2004 through May 31, 2012 in the county of Miami-Dade in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section and Offense Description. Rows include 21 U.S.C. § 846 (Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute one thousand (1,000) or more marijuana plants) and 18 U.S.C. § 2 (Aiding and abetting).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

[X] Continued on the attached sheet.

[Handwritten signature of Michael Gualtieri]

Complainant's signature

Special Agent Michael Gualtieri

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 6-1-12

[Handwritten signature of Peter A. White]

Judge's signature

City and state: Miami FL

Peter A. White US Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
COMPLAINTS AND ARREST WARRANTS

I, your Affiant, Michael C. Gualtieri, Special Agent (SA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Miami, Florida, having been duly sworn hereby depose and state;

1. This Affidavit is being submitted in support of a complaint and arrest warrant charging the following persons with the offense of conspiracy from in or around January 2004, to on or about May 31, 2012, to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 and aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(vii), it is further alleged that this violation involved one thousand (1,000) or more marijuana plants. The individuals for whom complaints and arrest warrants are being sought are further identified as follows:

- (1) ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo," Hispanic male, date of birth of July 3, 1981.
- (2) DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN, Hispanic male, date of birth of November 7, 1979.
- (3) GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., a/k/a/ "Indio," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 6, 1953.
- (4) JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit", Hispanic male, date of birth of April 24, 1970.
- (5) DAVID SILVA, Hispanic male, date of birth of February 22, 1973.
- (6) RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ, Jr., a/k/a/ "Ra-Ra," Hispanic male, date of birth of November 5, 1981.
- (7) FRANCISCO JAVIER DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 28, 1985.
- (8) GERMAN SILVESTRO, Hispanic male, date of birth of October 29, 1971.

- (9) ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 22, 1965.
- (10) DAYANA CASTELLANOS, a/k/a "Dayana Ramos, a/k/a Dayana Costellanos," Hispanic female date of birth of August 25, 1981.
- (11) ESTRELLA J. MIJARES, Hispanic female, date of birth of November 4, 1982.

2. I, your Affiant, am a federal law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(c)(1). I have been employed as a Special Agent with the FBI for approximately fifteen years. I am presently assigned to the Miami High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (hereinafter HIDTA). My primary duties on the task force are to work joint investigations with other state and federal law enforcement agencies targeting narcotics dealers, traffickers, manufacturers and transporters.

3. The following information is based on the personal knowledge arising from my participation in this investigation and from information provided to me by other law enforcement officers. The information contained within this Affidavit is being provided for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support complaints and arrest warrants for the arrest of the above listed individuals for violations of federal law, and as such, this Affidavit does not contain all of the information known by your Affiant concerning this investigation.

**GENERAL BACKGROUND OF THE
SANTIESTEBAN DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION**

4. Your Affiant initiated this conspiracy investigation into the marijuana cultivation and trafficking activities of the Santiesteban family (hereinafter the SANTIESTEBAN DTO) in June 2007. Since that time your Affiant has taken enforcement in several instances where marijuana grow operations belonging to the SANTIESTEBAN DTO have been seized. Your Affiant has also

conducted numerous interviews of witnesses, co-conspirators, co-conspirator defendants, cooperating sources of information and other individuals who were in a position to have first hand reliable knowledge of the conduct and events involving the criminal activity of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. Some of those witnesses are co-conspirators who participated in the criminal conduct on behalf of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. Your Affiant has also located marijuana grow house seizures that have been effected by other law enforcement agencies and evidence has been established that those marijuana grow operations were done in furtherance of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO marijuana cultivation and trafficking conspiracy.

PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY

5. It was the purpose of the conspiracy for the Defendants to unlawfully enrich themselves and others by growing marijuana plants in houses they owned, rented or otherwise controlled in Miami-Dade County, and elsewhere; and to harvest the marijuana plants after they reached maturity, and sell the marijuana to buyers in Miami-Dade County and in the New York City and New Jersey metropolitan area.

MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

6. The manner and means by which the Defendants sought to accomplish the purpose of the conspiracy included, among other things, the following:

(a) Defendants ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a “Bolo,” and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN, would hire other Defendants and co-conspirators to live as caretakers in the houses owned, rented or otherwise controlled by them, to care for the marijuana plants growing in those houses. Defendants ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a “Bolo,” and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN would also hire other Defendants and co-conspirators to help harvest and package

for sale the marijuana growing in those houses.

(b) Defendants GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN, Sr., a/k/a “Indio,” JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a “Jit,” DAVID SILVA, RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ, Jr., a/k/a “Ra-Ra,” FRANCISCO JAVIER DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” GERMAN SILVESTRO, and ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a “Bigote,” would assist the other Defendants and co-conspirators by acting as caretakers in the houses where marijuana was grown and by harvesting and packaging the marijuana for later sale.

(c) Defendants Derrick Santiesteban, Gilberto Santiesteban Jr., ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a “Bolo,” and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN established and controlled bank accounts which were in their own names, or in the names of other Defendants, into which accounts they caused the deposit of monies obtained from the sale of marijuana. Defendants Yadira Santiesteban, DAYANA CASTELLANOS, a/k/a “Dayana Ramos,” a/k/a “Dayana Costellanos,” and ESTRELLA J. MIJARES would make deposits and withdrawals from those accounts of monies in amounts of less than \$10,000.

COOPERATING CO-CONSPIRATOR WITNESSES

7. During the course of the investigation your Affiant has developed approximately (12) twelve cooperating witnesses. Those cooperating witnesses will hereinafter be referred to as CD1 through CD12, however information from all of those cooperators are not included herein, but when information is attributed to them, they will be identified as stated above. The majority of these cooperating co-conspirator witnesses have admitted to engaging in criminal conduct as co-conspirator members of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. Several of these witnesses have already pled guilty to drug trafficking offenses and others have agreed to plead guilty in the future to offenses

arising out of their conduct as co-conspirators in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. The following is a synopsis of the information the relevant cooperating co-conspirator witnesses have provided as it relates to each of the named defendants in this complaint.

CD 1 and CD2

8. Two cooperating co-conspirator defendant witnesses are identified as CD1 and CD 2. Both of these cooperating co-conspirator defendant witnesses have made sworn admissions to June 2009 criminal conduct where they participated a carjacking, kidnaping and murder of Fidel Ruz Moreno on June 28, 2009; who was suspected of stealing marijuana from the SANTIESTEBAN DTO in an earlier home invasion robbery at the residence of Derrick Santiesteban. These crimes were perpetrated in furtherance of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO drug trafficking conspiracy.

10. Those statements were made under oath to Miami-Dade County Homicide Detectives and were transcribed by a court stenographer. The transcribed and sworn statements were given by CD1 and CD2 following the advice and waiver of their Constitutional Rights (Miranda Warnings) and were made without any promises of immunity. Neither cooperator was in custody when they gave the statements and neither cooperator was present during the interrogation or taking of the formal sworn statement of the other. CD1 and CD2 have also agreed to plead guilty at a future date to offenses arising from their conduct as co-conspirators in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD1 admits that she/he was a co-conspirator in the marijuana growing activities of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD1 and CD2 have both agreed to plead guilty in the future to a criminal charge arising out of their conduct as co-conspirators in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

Information Provided by CD1

11. While not positive of the exact date, sometime in 2006/2007, CD1 recalls that he and

CD2 were visiting ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and his family at their home located at 17231 SW 153rd Place, Miami-Dade County, Florida. While there, ALEXANDER showed CD1 and CD2 a hydroponic marijuana grow that was established in the garage of the home.

12. CD1 helped ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN harvest the marijuana from this grow in ALEXANDER's garage at 17231 SW 153rd Place, Miami-Dade County, Florida. Participating in the harvest were, CD1, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit," GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., CD8, and possibly defendant ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote." CD1 identified a photograph of JOHN VILLALONGA as the man assisting at the harvest that he knew as "Jit." CD1 is positive that defendant ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote" assisted at multiple marijuana harvests, but he is not positive that PIMENTEL assisted at this particular harvest.

13. Shortly after the harvesting was completed, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN approached CD2 and asked if CD2 and CD1 would be resident caretakers at a hydroponic marijuana grow. CD1 and CD2 accepted the offer.

**March/April 2007 - 1st Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position
at 9409 SW 225th Street, Miami-Dade County**

14. After CD1 and CD2 accepted the resident caretaker offer, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN had them move into a home located at 9409 SW 225th Street, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

15. Defendant JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit" was involved in this marijuana grow and CD1 believes that VILLALONGA may have owned the home. CD1 assisted ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and JOHN VILLALONGA in setting up and converting the garage of the home

into a marijuana grow area. After the set-up was complete marijuana seedlings were planted.

16. As a resident caretaker of the marijuana grow, CD1 had to ensure that the marijuana plants were properly fed, that the pumps, lights and air conditioning were working properly and went on and off on schedule and that the marijuana grow room remained clean.

17. CD1 and CD2 remained at the marijuana grow until a point of time that was a couple of weeks before the plants would be ready to harvest. CD1 and JOHN VILLALONGA had a disagreement and as a result, CD1 and CD2 moved out of the marijuana grow prior to the harvest. CD1 and CD12 were paid approximately \$11,500 for their efforts during the time they were there even though they left early.

**Spring 2008 - 2nd Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position
at 6032 SW 164th Court, Miami-Dade County**

18. In the Spring of 2008, approximately one year after the first resident caretaker job, CD1 and CD2 accepted an offer from defendant DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN to be resident caretakers at a marijuana grow. DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN had CD1 and CD2 move into a home at 6032 SW 164th Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida. CD1 found that when they moved into their home, the marijuana grow was already set up and growing. All CD1 and CD2 needed to do was just wait for the plants to grow to maturity and then help with the harvest. CD1 monitored the plants and ensured they were fed properly and that the lights and air conditioning were functioning properly. CD1 and CD2 remained as resident caretakers of this marijuana grow until the plants matured and were ready for harvest.

19. CD1, DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN and CD4 harvested the marijuana in this grow. CD1 believes they had 36 marijuana plants in this marijuana grow. CD1 recalls that he and CD2

were paid around \$13,500 for being resident caretakers for the second marijuana grow that was owned by DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN.

20. CD1 recalls another DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN marijuana grow that was in a home within walking distance and on the opposite side of the street from the marijuana grow where CD1 and CD2 were caretakers. DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN owned the marijuana grow and CD4 was the resident caretaker.

**Spring 2009 - 3rd Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position
at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami-Dade County, a/k/a/ "La Finca/The Hedge House"**

21. In the Spring of 2009, CD1 and CD2 accepted a third offer to be resident caretakers of a marijuana grow. This third offer came from Derrick Santiesteban. CD1 and CD2 moved into a residence at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue. This home sat on a large piece of real property that was secluded and rural and had a large amount foliage on the property. Large hedges acted as a perimeter and the home and property were given the dual nicknames of "La Finca" and "The Hedge House."

22. The marijuana grow had to be set-up after CD1 and CD2 moved into the residence. CD1 recalls that he, Derrick, GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., and to a lesser degree, defendant GERMAN SILVESTRO worked together to construct the marijuana grow area inside the home. After the grow set-up construction was finished, they planted 36 marijuana plants in the room.

23. The grow continued without incident for approximately four months. In June 2009, the marijuana was mature and ready for harvest. CD1, Derrick Santiesteban, GERMAN SILVESTRO and GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. came to the home and began the harvest process which took several days.

24. While they were working on the harvest, they took a break to have something to eat.

While they were on the break, two men, one of whom was armed with a handgun, appeared at the home and attempted to pass themselves off as police officers. It was apparent that they were not the police and that they had come to the home to rob them. One of the robbers was recognized as a former classmate from school and upon being identified, the robbery was aborted and the robbers abruptly departed.

25. After the robbers left, the group took the remaining marijuana plants and the marijuana that had thus far been harvested and moved them to Gilberto Santiesteban Jr.'s home at 19790 SW 134th Court. CD1 recalled that a truck belonging to GERMAN SILVESTRO was used to move the marijuana to Gilberto Santiesteban Jr.'s home.

26. After the marijuana plants were safely at Gilberto Jr.'s home, the group continued to harvest the marijuana from the plants and after the harvest was complete, the marijuana was dried, processed and packaged.

27. After the aborted robbery at the marijuana grow at "La Finca/Hedge House", ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN had CD1 travel to a home at 9457 SW 227 Terrace, Cutler Bay, Miami-Dade County, Florida. CD1 was instructed to retrieve eight pounds of hydroponic marijuana that ALEXANDER was stored there. CD1 believes that the mother of the SANTIESTEBAN brothers lived in the home. CD1 picked up the marijuana and delivered it to ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN at another marijuana grow operation that was in a home at 13201 SW 204th Street, Miami-Dade County, Florida. This marijuana grow was owned by ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN.

28. CD1 estimates that she/he participated in seven or eight marijuana grows in some fashion as either a caretaker, assisted in the set up of the grow and/or the harvest of the marijuana.

29. CD1 has identified defendant DAVID SILVA as a person who assisted at marijuana harvests where CD1 also assisted and CD1 stated that SILVA would help whenever he was asked. CD1 stated that he has seen DAVID SILVA clipping marijuana at a harvest of a grow that Gilberto Jr. and possibly Derrick owned. CD1 remembers this marijuana grow because Gilberto Jr. had a room in this grow where he was growing small baby plants (clones or seedlings) to be used as plant stock and Gilberto Jr. also had marijuana plants growing in the garage. This address has been identified as being located at 22501 SW 93rd Passage, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

30. CD1 stated that defendant DAVID SILVA has connections in New York to sell the marijuana. CD1 also remembers seeing DAVID SILVA inside a marijuana grow that was across the street from a grow where CD1 and CD2 were caretakers.

31. CD1 identified defendant ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote." as a good friend of GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. and that PIMENTEL was also frequently in the company of ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo."

Information Provided by CD2

32. CD2 states that she and CD1 were resident caretakers on three different hydroponic marijuana grow house operations on behalf of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

March/April 2007 1st Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position at 9409 SW 225th Street, Miami-Dade County

33. CD 2 stated that in early 2007, shortly after CD1 assisted in a marijuana grow harvest with ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and others, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN solicited CD2 and CD1 to act as caretakers in a marijuana grow. CD2 and CD1 accepted the offer and

ALEXANDER placed them in a marijuana grow home located at 9409 SW 225th Street, Miami-Dade County as caretakers for a marijuana grow.

34. CD2 witnessed ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, JOHN VILLALONGA, and CD1 construct the set-up for the marijuana grow in this home. After the set-up was completed, marijuana seedlings were planted and began to grow. The marijuana crop grew to maturity but before the harvest, there was a disagreement between CD1 and JOHN VILLALONGA resulting in CD1 and CD2 moving out prematurely. CD2 recalls that they moved out after the harvest.

Simultaneous to this marijuana grow, there was another SANTIESTEBAN marijuana grow in a home approximately two houses away and across the street from the home where CD1 and CD2 were caretakers. CD2 visited the grow and will testify that this grow was located at 22501 SW 93rd Passage, Miami-Dade County and CD2 believes that this marijuana grow was managed by Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. and DAVID SILVA. Gilberto Jr. and defendant ESTRELLA MIJARES were living in the home during the grow.

35. CD 2 recalls that CD2 and CD1 were paid \$15,000 minus expenses by ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN for being resident caretakers for their resident caretaker duties at the 9409 SW 225th Street marijuana grow.

36. A check of the 2010 Miami-Dade County property records reveals that the residence at 9049 SW 225th Street is in the name of Valeska J. Eghbal. Valeska J. Eghbal is the former paramour to prospective defendant JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit" and is a mother of two children with him.

**Spring 2008 - 2nd Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position
at 6032 SW 164th Court, Miami-Dade County**

37. In the first half of 2008, DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN solicited CD2 and CD1 to be caretakers for a marijuana grow house that was owned by DARVIS. CD2 states that the offer was accepted and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN had CD2 and CD1 move into a home at 6032 SW 164th Court, Miami, Florida. The grow was already set-up in the garage of the residence. During this time frame, CD2 visited another marijuana grow that was owned by DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN in a nearby residence at 16451 SW 64th Terrace, Miami. The resident caretaker for this marijuana grow was CD4.

38. The marijuana grow at 6032 SW 164th Court was cared for by CD1 and CD2 until maturity. CD2 stated that the marijuana was then harvested by CD2, CD1, CD4, and GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. DARVIS was the manager of the grow. CD2 recalls being paid approximately \$15,000 in cash for the efforts as resident caretakers for this marijuana grow.

Spring 2009 -3rd Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker Position at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami-Dade County, a/k/a/ "La Finca", a/k/a "The Hedge House"

39. In approximately March 2009, Derrick Santiesteban asked CD2 and CD1 to act as resident caretakers for a marijuana grow at a home located at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami-Dade County. This marijuana grow was managed by Derrick. CD2 and CD1 accepted the offer and moved into the residence, where they found that the marijuana grow was already set-up and growing. CD1, Derrick Santiesteban, GERMAN SILVESTRO and GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., constructed the set-up for the grow inside the residence. CD2 and CD1 remained in the residence tending to the plants and they grew to maturity without incident.

40. In mid/late June 2009, the harvesting of the marijuana was underway. Assisting in the harvest were CD1, Derrick Santiesteban, GERMAN SILVESTRO and GILBERTO

SANTIESTEBAN Sr. CD2 didn't participate in the actual harvesting, but did help with preparing and providing food and refreshments for the harvesters.

41. During the harvesting process, a Latin male came to the residence armed with a handgun. He stated that he was a police officer, but he was recognized as having gone to school with the SANTIESTEBAN brothers. Someone called out his name and when he realized the people who he was attempting to rob knew him, he retreated and didn't complete the robbery.

42. After the robber left, Derrick feared they would be robbed again, so Derrick and the others bundled up the remaining marijuana plants and the marijuana that had already been harvested and carried it out of the home. The marijuana and marijuana plants were taken to the home of Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. at 19790 SW 134th Court, Miami-Dade County. At Gilberto Jr.'s house, the cutting and harvesting process was completed. The marijuana was then packaged and stored at Gilberto Jr.'s home until June 25, 2009, when it was taken to Derrick and Yadira SANTIESTEBAN's home where it was stolen in a home invasion robbery.

43. CD2 will testify to accompanying DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN to the New Jersey/New York area on one occasion. CD2 and DARVIS flew there and picked up proceeds from marijuana sales. The money was placed inside of a spare tire in a rental vehicle and then she and DARVIS drove the rental vehicle and money back to Miami.

44. CD2 and CD1 were resident caretakers on three marijuana grow cycles at three different homes. CD2 recalls helping on approximately two or maybe three additional marijuana harvest operations.

45. CD2 has personally seen defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie" at marijuana grows where he was helping harvest marijuana. CD2 cannot recall exactly which

harvest it was where she saw FRANCISCO DIAZ a/k/a “Frankie” harvesting marijuana, but CD2 is positive they saw him harvesting marijuana at one or more SANTIESTEBAN marijuana grows. CD2 recalls that FRANCISCO DIAZ a/k/a “Frankie” was a resident caretaker at a marijuana grow owned by Derrick when law enforcement officers raided the grow. CD2 said that there was a lot of discussion about the raid amongst the SANTIESTEBAN DTO at the time it occurred.

46. CD2 has also seen prospective defendant RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a “Ra-Ra” harvesting marijuana at a SANTIESTEBAN marijuana grow, but she cannot recall exactly which grow or grows it was where he/she saw RAMIREZ Jr. doing the harvest.

47. CD2 recalls GERMAN SILVESTRO being present on several occasions at the marijuana grow located at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. GERMAN SILVESTRO was a good friend to Derrick and CD2 believes GERMAN SILVESTRO was present at the 19160 SW 132nd Avenue grow location while the grow set-up was being installed, but CD2 can’t specifically remember what GERMAN SILVESTRO did during the set-up work.

48. CD2 remembers GERMAN SILVESTRO being present when a Latin male tried to rob them and CD2 remembers GERMAN SILVESTRO assisting in taking down the plants and moving them after that attempted robbery. CD2 believes they may have used GERMAN SILVESTRO’s truck to move some or all of the plants.

Information Provided by CD3

49. CD3 is an associate co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. He was also identified as having participated in the events surrounding the abduction and murder of Fidel Moreno on June 28, 2009. In late March 2011, the lead investigators in this case executed a federal document and record search warrant on the residence of CD3. Following the execution of that search warrant,

CD3 decided to cooperate in the investigation and submitted to a non-custodial voluntary interview concerning his involvement in the above described events. CD3 has agreed to plead guilty in the future to a criminal charge arising out of her/his conduct as a co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

50. On Wednesday, March 30, 2011, CD3 gave a non-custodial, post Miranda, sworn, transcribed statement/admission regarding his involvement in the events leading to the abduction and death of Fidel Moreno on June 28, 2009. CD3 subsequently provided information to investigators regarding her/his involvement as a drug trafficking co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

51. CD3 has known the SANTIESTEBAN family since middle school. CD3 was more friendly with Derrick, and at one time CD3 was very friendly with DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN. CD3 also knows the parents of the SANTIESTEBAN brothers.

52. In 2004 or 2005, Derrick and CD3 were equal partners in an indoor hydroponic marijuana grow at 360 NW 114th Avenue, Unit 102, Miami-Dade County, Florida. CD3 and Derrick split the costs associated with the grow and when the plants were mature, they were harvested. Derrick and CD3 split the marijuana yield and then CD3 and Derrick sold the marijuana on the street. CD3 recalls that they each earned approximately \$1,500.00 for the sale of that marijuana.

53. Sometime after the first grow in 2004-2005, Derrick moved to a larger residence located at 3200 SW 103rd Court. This home had a "grow room" inside that could only be accessed from the outside of the residence. Derrick asked CD3 to partner with him on this grow, but CD3 declined. CD3 saw the hidden marijuana room within the residence and saw the marijuana grow area and the marijuana plants as they were growing. CD3 and Derrick also discussed this marijuana grow. CD3 recalled a discussion he had with Derrick where Derrick said that after the marijuana

was planted and had grown for a while, the police came to the home after receiving a tip that the home was being used to grow marijuana. Derrick gave the police consent to search and they missed the hidden room because you couldn't access or detect the presence of the room from inside the residence.

54. Your Affiant checked with Miami County P.D. and learned that on February 18, 2004, Narcotics Detectives went to 3200 SW 103rd Court after receiving a tip that a hydroponic marijuana grow was in the residence. The occupant, who identified himself as Derrick Rodriguez, gave them consent to search. The ensuing search for a marijuana grow was negative.

Fall 2008 - CD3 was a Resident Caretaker for a Marijuana Grow at 6032 SW 164th Court, Miami-Dade County

55. In approximately the fall of 2008, CD3 and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN became partners in a marijuana grow at 6032 NW 164th Court, Miami-Dade County, Florida. CD3 moved into the residence with his wife and children and was a resident caretaker for the grow. The marijuana grow set-up was already in place when they arrived. After they moved in, the marijuana seedlings (clones) were planted by CD3 and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN.

56. In February 2009, the plants had reached maturity and CD3, DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN and RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a "Ra-Ra," harvested the marijuana. There were about 30 plants in this marijuana grow, but the total yield was only around 14 to 15 pounds. CD3 and DARVIS split the yield and pursuant to their prior agreement, but CD3 didn't receive any money for being a resident caretaker of the grow. DARVIS and CD3 had several disagreements during the course of the grow and as a result, CD3 left the home after the marijuana was harvested.

Information Provided by CD4

57. CD4 is an associate co-conspirator to the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD4 had no involvement in the capital offenses in this case but he was a marijuana grow resident caretaker on two different residences for a total of six marijuana grows.

58. On March 2, 2011, CD4 was contacted by the investigators in this case and while he was conversing with the investigators, he surrendered a fully operational marijuana grow operation that was established at CD4's residence by DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN. CD4 also made a series of recorded telephone calls to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN under the direction of the FBI after he elected to cooperate and DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN provided some incriminating statements in the conversations.

59. CD4 pled guilty in U. S. District Court in Miami on June 17, 2011, to an Information that charged him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute, 100 or more marijuana plants, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §841(a)(1); all in violation of 21 U.S.C. §846. CD4 was thereafter sentenced to 24 months imprisonment and three years of supervised release. CD4 is currently serving that sentence.

60. CD4 was a resident marijuana caretaker on behalf of DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN at two different residences for three marijuana grows at each home for a total of six marijuana grows. In 2008, DARVIS approached CD4 and asked him if he wanted to be a resident care taker at a marijuana grow house and CD4 accepted the offer.

61. In June 2008, CD4 moved into the first marijuana grow location at 16451 SW 64th Terrace, Miami-Dade County. After CD4 moved in the marijuana was planted by DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN and CD4.

62. The plants grew to maturity under the care of CD4 and were harvested in approximately November 2008. CD1, CD2, CD4 and GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. a/k/a "Indio," harvested the marijuana while DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN supervised the harvest. The harvested marijuana was given to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN.

December 2008 -CD4 does the 1st Money Transport from New York to Miami for DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN

63. Two to three weeks following the harvest, in approximately December 2008, CD4 did a money transport from NY to Miami at the direction of DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN and Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. CD4 and his wife flew to New York and were met there by DAVID SILVA at the airport. CD4 and his wife were taken to a hotel where they spent the night. The next day or two later a rental car was brought to CD4 and he was told to drive the car back to Miami.

64. CD4 drove the car to Miami and delivered it to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN's home. The money was removed from the car and DARVIS paid CD4. After being paid, CD4 returned the rental car.

December 2008/January 2009, CD4 was a Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker for the 2nd Marijuana Grow Cycle at 16451 SW 64th Terrace, Miami-Dade County and 2nd Money Transport From New York to Miami for Darvis Santiesteban

65. One week or so after money transport (approx. Dec.2008), the second marijuana planting was done with clone marijuana plants at this same address. CD4 remained there for four more months. DARVIS periodically appeared to check on the progress of the plants.

66. In March 2009, the plants were mature and ready for harvest. Participating in that harvest were CD4, DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN, GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. a/k/a "Indio," ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL a/k/a "Bigote" and another female.

67. Two to three weeks later (late March early April 2009), CD4 was directed by DARVIS to perform a second money transport from NY to Miami. CD4 believes on this trip he traveled with his wife and with DARVIS .

68. In NY, CD4 and his wife went to a hotel for a day or so. CD4 received the rental car with the money inside and then dropped off DARVIS at the airport so he could fly back to Miami. CD4 and his wife then drove the rental car with money hidden inside the spare tire from New York to Miami. In Miami, CD4 took the car to the residence of DARVIS , who extracted the money and paid CD4. This time CD4 was paid \$20,000 for his efforts as a caretaker. CD4 then returned the rental car.

69. In Miami, when CD4 went to DARVIS ' residence to deliver the car and money, he recalls seeing FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie," GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr. a/k/a "Indio," and several other people present and there appeared to be a party like atmosphere.

**April 2009 -CD4 was a Resident Caretaker for a 3rd Marijuana Grow Cycle
at 16451 SW 64th Terrace, Miami-Dade County**

70. Two weeks later in approximately April 2009, marijuana plants or "clones" were re-planted at 16451 SW 64th Terrace for the third grow at this location with CD4 as the resident caretaker. The plants continued through their grow cycle until July 29, 2009, when the home was burglarized. The burglars forced entry and stole the mature marijuana plants. Neighbors called the police and CD4 was thereafter arrested. Although the marijuana plants were stolen, equipment and evidence of a grow in the home was seized by MDPD. The search of the residence was later suppressed in state court and the charges were dismissed. DARVIS paid for the attorney who represented CD4 in that case.

71. The marijuana residue seized from the remnants of the marijuana grow at 16451 SW 64th Terrace was tested by the Miami-Dade County Police Department Crime Laboratory and was found to be marijuana.

October 2009 to March 2, 2011 CD4 was a Resident Caretaker for Three Marijuana Grow Cycles at 15396 SW 93rd Lane, Miami-Dade County

72. In approximately October 2009, after the state charges against CD4 were dismissed, CD4, at the direction of DARVIS, found a suitable home for a grow operation at 16451 SW 93rd Lane. DARVIS inspected the home and agreed to lease the home and put a marijuana grow in the residence.

73. CD4 moved into the home with his wife and family and a couple of months later they constructed a grow area in the garage of the home. DARVIS arranged for the construction and the planting of the marijuana.

74. In April 2010, the first plants were mature and were harvested. CD4, DARVIS, FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie" and another Latin male harvested the marijuana.

75. A second planting followed soon after the harvest. DARVIS visited every week to check on the plants. In August 2010, they were mature and the marijuana was harvested. DARVIS, CD4, FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie" and the same Latin male harvested the marijuana.

76. A third planting soon followed and the plants were delivered by a Latin male. These plants grew until March 2, 2011, when CD4 surrendered the grow to the investigators in this case. Investigators discovered that the marijuana grow contained 36 mature marijuana plants weighing approximately 168 pounds.

77. CD4 told the investigators that he worked as a caretaker in this grow at 15396 SW

93rd Lane, Miami-Dade County, for DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN. CD4 stated that he moved into the residence in the fall of 2009. Thereafter, DARVIS and CD4 constructed a hydroponic grow area in the garage of the residence. There were three grows carried out in total at this residence to include the grow that CD4 surrendered to the investigators on March 2, 2011. Each grow consisted of 36 marijuana plants. The first two marijuana crops grew to maturity and were harvested and sold.

78. The marijuana seized on March 2, 2011, at 15396 SW 93rd Lane, was tested by the Miami-Dade County Police Department Crime Laboratory and found to be marijuana.

79. MDPD Crime Scene Technicians processed the grow area for latent fingerprints. Four latent prints of value were developed. One latent print from a plastic measuring cup found in the hydroponic marijuana grow had a latent fingerprint that was identified, classified, compared and found to belong to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN. One latent print found on an "air scrubber" in the marijuana grow was found to belong to CD4.

80. After CD4 surrendered the marijuana grow and decided to cooperate, he made a series of recorded telephone calls to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN. Those recordings are being translated into English and transcribed. The calls were made on March 2, 2011, March 8, 2011, and April 12, 2011. DARVIS made some incriminating comments during some portions of the conversations.

81. On July 29, 2009, MDPD seized the first marijuana grow where CD4 was a caretaker at 16451 SW 64th Terrace, Miami-Dade County. This home had been burglarized and the marijuana plants were stolen but evidence of a marijuana grow was seized at the home. MDPD Crime Scene Technicians processed the interior of the marijuana grow for latent fingerprints. Five latent fingerprints were found. One latent print on a fuse panel door in the garage, one latent on a plastic package and three latent's found on pieces of mylar were identified, classified, compared and found

to belong to DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN.

Information Provided by CD5

82. CD5 is an associate co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD5 was arrested in October 2008, for being a caretaker at a marijuana grow. In 2008, CD5 pled guilty in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court to state charges and was sentenced on April 18, 2011, to serve 11 months and 29 days in the County Jail for his conduct in being a caretaker at a marijuana grow house.

83. CD5 has known the SANTIESTEBAN brothers since the 7th or 8th grade. CD5 has always been the most friendly with Derrick Santiesteban and at one time he was friendly with DARVIS , having acted as a resident care-taker at a DARVIS controlled marijuana grow house. CD5 was involved with the SANTIESTEBAN brothers in various types of criminal undertakings beginning when they were juveniles.

84. In approximately 2004, Derrick Santiesteban obtained a town home located at 360 NW 114th Avenue, Unit 102, Miami-Dade County. Derrick told CD5 about a hydroponic marijuana grow he had installed in the residence. CD5 recalls there were approximately 15 marijuana plants in the grow and it was Derrick's first marijuana grow.

85. Following the successful completion of the grow at 360 NW 114th Ave, Unit 102, Derrick obtained a detached single family home at 3200 SW 103rd Court, Miami-Dade County. The residence had a room within the residence that could not be accessed from inside. This sealed/separate room was not readily apparent when inside of the residence and was accessible only through an outside door located to the rear of the residence. Derrick established a marijuana grow in this room and CD5 assisted him with the grow.

86. Derrick told CD5 that the police came to the home on a tip looking for a marijuana

grow. Derrick permitted the them to search the residence, but they failed to find the room where the marijuana grow was located. CD5 came to the residence after the police had been there and saw that the grow was still there. MDPD reports confirm this home was searched by narcotics detectives on February 18, 2004, based on a tip that there was a marijuana grow in the residence. The reports reflect that a marijuana grow was not found at the residence.

87. CD5 helped FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” harvest marijuana at least once and maybe twice. CD5 picked out a unmarked photograph of DIAZ and identified him. CD5 also picked the DIAZ home where CD5 assisted in harvesting marijuana. That address is 15356 SW 178th Terrace, Miami, Florida. The FBI and MDPD executed a federal search warrant on that residence on May 12, 2008. A mature marijuana grow was located and FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” provided a non-custodial statement incriminating himself by admitting that he was the caretaker of the marijuana grow and that Derrick Santiesteban was the owner of the marijuana grow. DIAZ was not charged at that time.

88. In approximately 2005/2006, CD5 lived in a home at 7045 Big Bend, St. Cloud, Osceola County, Florida, for a period of approximately six months. Derrick and ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN visited the residence while CD5 was there and liked the way the residence was laid out. They decided that they wanted to grow marijuana in this residence. Several years later, ALEXANDER and DAYANA CASTELLANOS and their children moved into the residence and established a marijuana grow. By that time, CD5 had moved to Georgia. CD5 visited the home a couple of times and saw a marijuana grow inside the home and estimates that there were 60 plants inside when he saw the grow. CD5 described the plants as about 5' tall and starting to bud. CD5 stated that the marijuana grow was owned by ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN.

89. CD5 moved back to Florida from Georgia sometime in 2007 or 2008 and he saw the marijuana in the St. Cloud home shortly after returning to Florida. CD5 states that he participated in the harvest of marijuana at this home and also participating in the harvest were ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL a/k/a “Bigote” and CD1.

Summer 2008 - CD5-Marijuana was a Marijuana Grow Resident Caretaker at 15680 SW 12th Terrace, Miami-Dade County, Florida

90. In the summer of 2008, Derrick Santiesteban asked CD5 if he wanted to be a resident care taker at a marijuana grow and offered to pay CD5 a caretaker fee of \$20,000 after the marijuana from the grow was successfully sold. CD5 accepted the offer and Derrick had CD5 move into the residence at 15680 SW 12th Terrace, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

91. After CD5 moved into the residence, the marijuana grow area had to be constructed. CD5, Derrick Santiesteban, FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie” and DAVID SILVA, all helped build the marijuana grow. Thirty plants were then planted.

92. CD5 took care of the plants until a Miami-Dade Police Department raid on the home on October 29, 2008. At that time, there were about 28 plants left and they were six or seven feet in height and would have been ready for harvest in approximately one more month.

93. CD5 was charged in Miami-Dade County Circuit Court for the marijuana grow and pleaded guilty. On April 18, 2011, CD5 was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the county jail. CD5 was ordered to report to Jail to begin his sentence on June 21, 2011. After his arrest, CD5 terminated all contact with the SANTIESTEBAN family.

Information Provided by CD7

94. CD7 is an associate co-conspirator to the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD7 lived in the New Jersey/New York area and he was a major customer/purchaser of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO marijuana during the time period of late 2007 or early 2008 to in or around February 2009. CD7 severed all contact with the SANTIESTEBAN DTO in approximately February 2009.

95. CD7 is currently serving a seven year New Jersey State prison sentence following an unrelated drug trafficking conviction. He was approached by our investigators while incarcerated in New Jersey and he agreed to cooperate with the government in return for not being prosecuted in this conspiracy.

96. CD7 stated that in late 2007 or early 2008 he dealt with the SANTIESTEBAN brothers for the first time. CD7 met with Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. and Derrick Santiesteban and they showed CD7 approximately 30 pounds of hydroponic marijuana that they offered to CD7 for \$4,800 per pound. CD7 agreed to purchase the marijuana at the quoted price. CD7 gave Derrick and Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. a down payment of a little more than \$100,000 and purchased the marijuana. CD7 paid the balance owed later on and thereafter CD7 continued to purchase marijuana from the SANTIESTEBAN brothers on the average of once a month until approximately February 2009.

97. For the most part, CD7 paid the SANTIESTEBAN brothers personally for the marijuana in cash, but on occasion, CD7 would receive instructions to deposit money into bank accounts. The SANTIESTEBAN brothers would provide CD7 with a list of bank account numbers that they wanted CD7 to use to make the cash deposits. CD7 followed those instructions and made structured cash deposits in multiple bank accounts in the New York and New Jersey areas in amounts

below the \$10,000 reporting threshold.

98. Your Affiant would note that we have located those marijuana payment deposits, CD7 has identified eight of the cash deposit slips as being marijuana purchase money he deposited in bank accounts provided by the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. Those eight slips reflect cash deposits in the New York/New Jersey and corresponding banking records reflect the following:

- Three deposits dated 08/11/08, 08/15/08, and 08/19/08, were made in New Jersey into a banking account for “Grow-Tek, LLC” in an aggregate amount of \$17,500.
 - On 08/11/08, Derrick Santiesteban withdrew \$1,000.
 - On 08/15/09, Derrick withdrew \$5,000.
 - On 08/19/08, Derrick withdrew \$3,500.
- On 09/29/08, a deposit of \$1,000 was made in New Jersey into an account held by ESTRELLA J. MIJARES.
- On 10/06/08, a deposit of \$5,000 was made in New Jersey into an account held by ESTRELLA J. MIJARES.
- On 10/14/08, a cash deposit of \$5,000.00 was made in New Jersey into an account held by ESTRELLA J. MIJARES. *(CD7-did not identify this slip).*
 - On 10/06/08, ESTRELLA J. MIJARES withdrew \$3350.00.
 - On 10/17/08, ESTRELLA J. MIJARES withdrew \$4,000.00.
- On 12/09/08, a deposit of \$9,000.00 was made in New Jersey into an account held by ESTRELLA J. MIJARES.
 - On 12/09/08, ESTRELLA J. MIJARES withdrew \$9,000.00.
- On 01/16/09, a deposit of \$9,000 was made in New Jersey into an account held by Yadira Sanchez and Derrick Santiesteban.
 - On 01/16/09, Derrick Santiesteban withdrew \$9,000.
- On 01/20/09, a deposit of \$9,000 was made in New Jersey into an account held by ESTRELLA J. MIJARES.

- On 01/20/09, ESTRELLA J. MIJARES withdrew \$8,600.

99. The subpoenaed banking records reflect numerous other cash deposits in the New York/ New Jersey area that were followed shortly there after by cash withdraws, but CD7 was not able to positively identify them as being transactions he conducted. CD7 also noted that the SANTIESTEBAN DTO had other contacts and associates in the New York/New Jersey area that he does not know.

100. CD7 identified unmarked photographs of all four brothers and dealt with each one at some point during his relationship with the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD7 will testify that the brothers took turns coming to New Jersey to deliver the marijuana to CD7.

101. CD7 estimates he personally dealt with Gilberto Jr. on ten or more occasions and he dealt with Derrick, ALEXANDER and DARVIS, on two or more occasions. CD7 stated that the bags of marijuana would often have color coded strips on the plastic bags to identify which brother owned that particular bag of marijuana. CD7 received marijuana from all four of the brothers.

102. CD7 came to Florida on approximately five separate occasions. On one occasion, Gilberto Jr. took CD7 to a marijuana grow in Miami and showed him the operation. CD7 stated that the grow had 20 to 30 marijuana plants that were about five feet in height. On another trip to Miami, CD7 had a conversation with the elder GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., which Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. translated, regarding the availability of kilogram quantities of cocaine. CD7 was unsuccessful in locating any cocaine.

103. The SANTIESTEBAN brothers had a network of people who they would periodically use to transport marijuana to CD7. On occasion, the SANTIESTEBAN brothers would also send customers to CD7 to buy marijuana that CD7 had bought from the SANTIESTEBAN brothers. CD7

would sell the people marijuana as instructed by the SANTIESTEBAN brothers. This arrangement was okay with CD7 because it helped him sell the marijuana that he had bought from the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

104. On average, CD7 bought 20 to 30 pounds per transaction and on occasion he purchased as much as 40 or more pounds of hydroponic marijuana at one time from the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. The price was consistently \$4,800 to \$5,000 per pound.

105. CD7 identified a photo of FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie" and says that he met DIAZ when DIAZ accompanied one of the SANTIESTEBAN brothers to New Jersey.

106. CD7 ceased doing business with the SANTIESTEBAN DTO in or around February 2009, based on their refusal to lower their marijuana prices.

107. In May 2008, Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. and ESTRELLA J. MIJARES had been in New Jersey to deliver 20 to 30 pounds of marijuana to CD7 and to collect money for a prior marijuana shipment. CD7 took the marijuana and then paid Gilberto Jr. approximately \$170,000 in cash. CD7 then accompanied Gilberto Jr. and ESTRELLA on the drive back to Miami.

108. On May 13, 2008, while they were enroute to Miami, Gilberto Jr. was driving when he was stopped by the Osceola County Florida Sheriff's Office for a traffic infraction. Gilberto Jr. gave the deputy consent to search the car. The deputy found four electric money counters and \$155,824 in cash in the trunk of the vehicle. The money was ultimately seized, but no criminal charges were filed. Gilberto Santiesteban Jr., ESTRELLA J. MIJARES and CD7 were released and allowed to continue to Miami with the four money counting machines. Gilberto Jr. did not contest the forfeiture and the money was later forfeited to the Osceola County S.O.

109. CD7 is aware that the SANTIESTEBAN brothers began to hide their money inside

of spare tires on the rental vehicles they would use to take the marijuana proceeds back to Miami.

Information Provided by CD9

110. CD9 has admitted to being an associate co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO, and he is not being charged in this investigation. CD9 has provided the following information concerning the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

111. CD9 met the SANTIESTEBAN family through JOHN VILLALONGA. In March 2006, CD9 was shown an indoor hydroponic grow operation at 14131 SW 152nd Place. This marijuana grow was managed for the SANTIESTEBAN DTO by JOHN VILLALONGA. CD9 saw approximately 28 marijuana plants that were approximately two feet in height in the master bedroom of the home.

112. In July 2006, CD9 attended a social gathering at the residence of ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, 17231 SW 153rd Place, Miami-Dade County, Florida. While there, CD9 was shown a hydroponic marijuana grow that ALEXANDER had in his garage. CD9 estimates that he saw approximately 30 plants that were four feet in height and arranged in three rows.

113. In late August or early September 2006, CD9 was present at ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN's residence at 17231 SW 153rd Place, when the aforementioned marijuana grow was harvested. CD9 saw the following people participate in the harvesting of the marijuana:

- ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo"
- JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit"
- GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., a/k/a "Indio"
- FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie"
- RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a "Ra-Ra"

114. After the harvest was finished, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN tore down the grow and converted the garage into a play room. Shortly thereafter, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and

his family moved to northern Florida.

115. In the summer of 2006, CD9 was with RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a “Ra-Ra,” ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and JOHN VILLALONGA, when they went to a residence located in the vicinity of SW 176th Street and 157th Avenue, Miami-Dade County. At that location CD9 was shown a marijuana grow containing 15 to 20 plants approximately three feet in height. This grow was in an efficiency type apartment that was part of the primary residence. RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ Jr., a/k/a “Ra-Ra,” told CD9 that the marijuana grow belonged to him.

116. Sometime in January or early February 2007, CD9 approached JOHN VILLALONGA and ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN about doing a marijuana grow in CD9's residence located at 2994 SW 19th Terrace.

117. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN agreed to outfit a marijuana grow at the home of CD9. In late February or early March 2007, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a “Jit,” FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” DAVID SILVA and CD9 constructed a marijuana grow area inside an interior room at the residence of CD9, located at 2994 SW 19th Terrace, Miami-Dade County.

118. Approximately two weeks after the grow area was constructed, JOHN VILLALONGA and ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN came to the residence with 32 marijuana plants. They planted them in the grow and then ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN provided CD9 with verbal and written instructions on the operation of the grow and care of the plants. About every two weeks thereafter ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN came to the residence to check on the progress of the marijuana plants.

119. In approximately 120 days after planting in July or August 2007, the marijuana plants

were ready to be harvested. CD9 estimates that the harvest took 1.5 days to complete and the following persons assisted CD9 with harvesting the marijuana:

- ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a “Bolo”
- JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a/ “Jit”
- FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie”
- RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a “Ra-Ra”
- DAVID SILVA
- Derrick Santiesteban

120. After the harvest, CD9, JOHN VILLALONGA and ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN weighed the marijuana. Approximately 20 to 22 pounds of marijuana was packaged in zip-lock plastic bags that displayed pink colored seals. ALEXANDER reiterated the earlier agreement and told CD9 that one-half of the marijuana belonged to him (CD9) and that ALEXANDER was going to sell the marijuana for them.

121. Approximately three days later, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN delivered \$5,000 to CD9 as a partial payment on the marijuana sales. Approximately 10 days following the harvest, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN gave CD9 \$15,000 in cash as his share of the proceeds minus the cost of the equipment. Several weeks later, the hydroponic marijuana grow area was disassembled by CD9, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and JOHN VILLALONGA. CD9 assisted in disconnecting the electrical power diversion and in removing the equipment from the home. The equipment was removed from the home and CD9 stored the grow equipment in a storage locker.

122. In approximately September 2007, Derrick Santiesteban contacted CD9 and asked him to help move furniture from 15356 SW 178th Terrace. When CD9 arrived, he helped ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, JOHN VILLALONGA, Derrick Santiesteban, and FRANCISCO DIAZ, move furniture out of the residence. Derrick told CD9 that he was moving out of the

residence and was putting FRANCISCO DIAZ in the residence as a resident caretaker for a marijuana grow. CD9 then was shown a fully functional marijuana grow that was operating in the garage of the residence. CD9 estimates he saw approximately 30 to 34 marijuana plants one to two feet in height.

123. Your Affiant would note that A federal search warrant was executed on this residence on August 15, 2008. Agents and detectives found a marijuana grow in the residence. FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a “Frankie,” was the resident caretaker and gave a non-custodial post Miranda Warning confession where he admitted his involvement and incriminated Derrick Santiesteban in the grow. DIAZ has since ceased cooperating with the government.

Information Provided by CD11

124. CD11 is an associate co-conspirator in the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. Following an interview with the lead investigators, CD11 admitted to his involvement as a co-conspirator who assisted in two marijuana harvests and who transported and delivered marijuana and money on behalf of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD11 has agreed to plead guilty and cooperate with the government at a future date.

125. CD11 went to school in Miami-Dade County with Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. CD11 came to know the entire SANTIESTEBAN family. CD11 came to know all four SANTIESTEBAN brothers, Derrick, GILBERTO JR., ALEXANDER, DARVIS, and the father, GILBERTO Sr.

126. In or around June 2009, CD11 was out of a job when RAUL RAMIREZ, a/k/a “Ra-Ra,” offered to allow CD11 to move into a efficiency in the garage area of his home. RAMIREZ told CD11 that he would have to help clean up an area of the efficiency due to the fact that the police had raided it and found a small marijuana grow that belonged to RAMIREZ.

127. CD11 stated that he helped clean up the remnants of the marijuana grow following the police raid and it was his understanding that the grow was very small and was independently done by RAMIREZ to produce personal use marijuana. This grow wasn't connected to the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

128. Your Affiant would note that a check of the criminal history for RAUL RAMIREZ shows an arrest by the MDPD on May 6, 2009, for felony possession of marijuana. On September 2, 2009, Ramirez was adjudicated guilty and received seven days in jail and 20 months of community control which is a home-confinement type sentence.

129. CD11 moved into the efficiency and shared the kitchen in the home with RAMIREZ. SANTIESTEBAN brothers Derrick and ALEXANDER would periodically visit RAMIREZ. Derrick is the godfather to a child or children of RAMIREZ. CD11 occasionally overheard their conversations due to the loud and boisterous conversational manner that the SANTIESTEBAN's exhibited. CD11 surmised based on overheard conversations between RAMIREZ and the SANTIESTEBAN brothers that the SANTIESTEBAN brothers were transporting marijuana from Miami to the northeast United States.

130. As time went on, the SANTIESTEBAN brothers continued to visit the home of RAMIREZ and they became increasingly more engaging and friendly toward CD11. GILBERTO JR. frequently bragged about his exploits in transporting marijuana to the northeast along the I-95 corridor while using his paramour ESTRELLA and kids as a distraction and cover to give the appearance of legitimacy. GILBERTO Jr. had been given the moniker of "Lucky 95" by his brothers and RAMIREZ.

130. In late November or early December 2009, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN asked

CD11 if he wanted to make some money and offered to pay CD11 \$200 per day. Initially ALEXANDER didn't tell CD11 what the job entailed but CD11 was in need of work and gladly accepted the offer without knowing what he would be required to do for the money. He later learned he would be harvesting marijuana.

131. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN took CD11 to a residence that was identified to CD11 by the nickname of the "Farm/La Finca," and the "Hedge House." CD11 identified a photograph of a residence located at 19160 SW 132nd Avenue, Miami-Dade County as the location where he was taken and where he harvested Marijuana on behalf of ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN.

132. After arriving at the residence to harvest, CD11 was taken into a room where there were 20 to 30 mature marijuana plants. CD11 saw that the harvest was already underway. CD11 said there were empty buckets in the grow area which suggest there had to have been more plants when the harvest commenced.

133. CD11 observed the following people harvest marijuana at this grow:

- ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo"
- Gilberto Santiesteban Jr.
- GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN SR., a/k/a/ "Indio"
- ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote"
- FRANCISCO DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie"

134. This was the first time that CD11 had harvested marijuana, so the participants instructed him in the process as the harvest progressed. CD11 estimates he was at the grow doing the harvesting for two to three days. CD11 also noted that RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ JR., a/k/a "Ra-Ra" was on house arrest and didn't participate in the harvest.

135. CD11 was supposed to have been paid \$200.00 per day for his efforts, but

ALEXANDER paid him less than what he was owed and blamed an unknown problem as the reason he couldn't pay CD11 the total amount. ALEXANDER commented that they would take care of CD11 at a later time. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN paid about CD11 approximately \$300.00.

136. In January, 2010, CD11 learned that due to a law enforcement investigation, Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. had fled Miami and was living with ESTRELLA and their children in Mexico. CD11 also learned that there was an internal conflict among the SANTIESTEBAN brothers due to Gilberto Jr. stealing either marijuana or money and using the proceeds or stolen money to finance his flight from Miami. Due to law enforcement pressure, the SANTIESTEBAN DTO hadn't been as active as in past times and the group was falling on hard times.

137. CD11 recalls that in July or August 2010, ALEXANDER asked CD11 to assist in the dismantling of a marijuana grow at a home where ALEXANDER had previously lived. The home is located at 17231 SW 153rd Place. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN directed CD11 and ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote," to cut down the plants. The marijuana plants were cut down and destroyed and then the grow was shut down.

138. In approximately August or September 2010, CD11 learned that Derrick SANTIESTEBAN had been frequenting New York due to law enforcement pressure in Miami. CD11 happened to learn that Derrick was making a trip to New York and CD11 accompanied Derrick.

139. In New York, Derrick SANTIESTEBAN took CD11 to a log cabin he had leased that was located in Monticello, New York, which is about four hours from Albany, New York. CD11 believes the address was 266 Gregory Road, Monticello, NY 12701. Derrick put the electric and cable television service to the cabin in the name of CD11. On this particular occasion, CD11 lived

in the cabin with Derrick for approximately three or four months. Derrick's wife and family remained in Miami. Occasionally ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN would come to the cabin and he and Derrick would disappear in the morning and return later. CD11 was not kept in the loop as to what ALEXANDER and Derrick were doing in the area, but CD11 says that it was abundantly clear that they knew their way around the area and that they knew people. CD11 believes they were growing marijuana in the area, but CD11 never saw any grow operations and the SANTIESTEBAN brothers didn't discuss that business with him.

140. CD11 stated that Derrick and ALEXANDER were doing whatever they could to determine the nature and extent of the Miami federal investigation into their criminal activities. On a regular basis, Gilberto Santiesteban Jr., who was living in Mexico, would connect with Derrick by computer at the log cabin on a internet video service known as "Skype." In these video and audio sessions, Derrick Santiesteban, Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. and occasionally ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, frequently discussed what they had heard about the progress of the Miami federal criminal investigation into the SANTIESTEBAN DTO.

141. Around October or November, 2010, ESTRELLA J. MIJARES and Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. returned to the United States. ESTRELLA crossed back into the United States normally at a checkpoint. Gilberto Jr. was concerned that he was wanted and crossed back into the United States illegally by using what is commonly referred to in Mexico as a "coyote" who guided Gilberto Jr. illegally into the United States through the desert or through some other rural area.

142. After returning to the United States, Gilberto, ESTRELLA and their family moved to New York and after a while they rented a home in the "Hamptons" in the Long Island area of New York.

143. On January 5, 2011, CD11 was in New Jersey when Derrick asked CD11 to meet with him. They agreed to meet at a bar in Patterson, New Jersey. Derrick arrived at the meeting location and CD11 found that Derrick was accompanied by his father, GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN SR. a/k/a "Indio." Derrick asked CD11 to drive them to meet with Gilberto Jr. in the Washington Heights area of New York City. Derrick didn't tell CD11 the purpose of meeting with Gilberto Jr.

144. When Derrick met CD11, he (Derrick) was driving a Honda SUV. At Derrick's request, CD11 drove the SUV into New York City. When CD11 arrived at the area where they were to meet with Gilberto Jr., CD11 happened to see Gilberto Jr. walking down the middle of the street. Gilberto Jr. came to the Honda SUV and gave a large quantity of cash to Derrick. Gilberto Jr. then got into the van and at that point CD11 states that he learned that he was in the middle of a drug deal and that there was marijuana in the van.

145. CD11 pulled the Honda SUV to the side of the road and the marijuana was in the process of being put into a bag when CD11 noticed a black car and men with guns coming at them. CD11 feared they were being robbed and fled the area in the Honda. A short time later, marked uniform NYPD vehicles appeared and CD11 realized the black car and armed men were police officers and not robbers. At that point CD11 stopped the car and surrendered. CD11, Derrick, Gilberto Jr. and GILBERTO Sr. were arrested for the drug deal and ensuing car chase.

146. Derrick entered into a plea agreement and pleaded guilty. In return, the marijuana charges against CD11, Gilberto Jr. and GILBERTO SR. were dismissed. CD11 pleaded guilty to a charge arising out of the car chase and spent 36 days in jail in New York City.

147. During one of their court appearances, Derrick was in the same holding cell with CD11. Derrick told CD11 that he (Derrick) had \$30,000 to \$40,000 on the street that he was owed

for past drug deals and that the man who owned Derrick the money was a person CD11 was vaguely familiar with and who went by the name of "Star."

148. CD11 was released from jail on February 15 or 16, 2011. Upon his release CD11 went to see Gilberto Jr. and ESTRELLA at their home in the Hamptons area of Long Island. At the time, Gilberto Jr. and ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN were in a dispute over something and a day or so later, CD11 drove ALEXANDER back to the log cabin in Monticello, New York. While CD11 was driving to New York, he received a ticket for a traffic infraction. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN allegedly paid the ticket for CD11.

149. After they returned to Monticello, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN asked CD11 to do a marijuana delivery. CD11 agreed and ALEXANDER left Monticello for the Newberg area of New York. ALEXANDER later returned to Monticello and gave CD11 approximately ten pounds of marijuana. At the direction of ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, CD11 delivered the marijuana to Dominican who was known as "Italiano" who met CD11 at a train station in the Bronx section of New York.

150. Upon his return to Monticello, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN was in possession of a large amount of cash. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN had CD11 drive him from Monticello New York to Patterson, New Jersey. In Patterson, CD11 dropped off ALEXANDER.

151. Thereafter, CD11 moved back to Patterson, New Jersey and a while later ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN called CD11 and asked him to meet with a courier who was driving north from Miami with a quantity of marijuana. After CD11 met the courier, ALEXANDER wanted CD11 to take away a GPS that the courier had in his car. CD11 was to then take the courier to the log cabin in Monticello. ALEXANDER didn't want the courier to have the ability to find the

Monticello log cabin on his own. The courier allegedly dated a friend of DAYANA CASTELLANOS (paramour to Gilberto Santiesteban Jr.).

152. CD11 met the courier and after removing the GPS from his vehicle, CD11 had the courier follow him to the log cabin in Monticello. The courier had transported approximately 40 pounds of marijuana that was in a duffel bag from Miami to New York. The marijuana was stored in the log cabin and the courier stayed overnight one evening in the log cabin. The next day the courier departed the log cabin leaving the marijuana behind.

153. A short time later ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN called CD11 and asked him to drop off another ten pounds of marijuana to the Dominican known as "Italiano." CD11 agreed and delivered ten pounds of marijuana to "Italiano" in New York City.

154. Approximately one week later ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN called CD11 and had him deliver another ten pounds of marijuana to "Italiano" in New York City. At some point CD11 made a fourth delivery of ten pounds of marijuana to "Italiano" in New York.

155. CD11 received \$9,800 cash from "Italiano" on one occasion and CD11 was directed to deposit the cash into a Bank of America account that was in the name of Yadira Santiesteban. Yadira personally gave CD11 the account number. CD11 kept \$300 of the \$9,800 for expenses and deposited \$9,500 into the account

156. Around the same time as CD11 was making the marijuana deliveries, he was picking up cash in amounts of \$1,500 to \$1,700 at a time on behalf of Derrick from "Star." CD11 picked up several thousand dollars from "Star" on behalf of Derrick. CD11 deposited the money into bank accounts as directed by Yadira Santiesteban.

157. At some point thereafter, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN learned that CD11 was

picking up money on behalf of Derrick, who was still in jail serving his New York State prison sentence. ALEXANDER told CD11 that CD11 was not to pick up any more money from "Star" and that ALEXANDER would take care of the money collection from "Star."

158. In approximately August 2011, CD11 was with ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote" in New York. They were going to visit Derrick who was incarcerated in the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility in Watertown, New York. The group stopped to pick up Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. who was going to accompany them to see Derrick. At this time Gilberto Jr. and ESTRELLA lived in an apartment in Schenectady, New York.

159. ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN had a bag of cash that he didn't want to take to the prison and handed it to ESTRELLA J MIJARES. Gilberto Jr. then told ESTRELLA to hide the money and she took the money to another room and disappeared from view.

160. CD11 stated that the next day the group went in to see Derrick at the prison. When they arrived at the prison, they were required to produce identification prior to being admitted. ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote" was not allowed into the prison because he didn't have proper identification.

161. After the visit they returned to Gilberto's apartment and ESTRELLA returned the cash to ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN.

162. On another prison visit, CD11 and ALEXANDER stopped at Gilberto Jr.'s residence. After they entered the apartment, Gilberto Jr. asked ESTRELLA to pay ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN. CD11 understood, through discussions with ALEXANDER, that this payment was a reimbursement to ALEXANDER for hydroponic marijuana that Gilberto Jr. had sold for ALEXANDER.

163. After Gilberto Jr. asked ESTRELLA to pay ALEXANDER, she went into the apartment's master bedroom and returned with a black plastic bag containing cash. ESTRELLA removed a large roll of cash that was secured with a rubber band and handed it to ALEXANDER.

164. While ESTRELLA was handing the money to ALEXANDER, Gilberto Jr. asked ALEXANDER if he was going to do him "a favor." CD11 stated that ALEXANDER concurred and removed what CD11 estimates to have been approximately \$1,000 from the roll of money and handed the money to ALEXANDER who in-turn took the money. ESTRELLA then carried the black plastic bag containing the cash back into the master bedroom. Through later discussions with ALEXANDER and Gilberto Jr., CD11 believes that ALEXANDER gave the money to Gilberto Jr. and ESTRELLA for living expenses.

165. In an effort to corroborate the information provided by CD11, the investigators have located a Field Information Report authored on July 24, 2011, by an officer of the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in New York regarding an incident at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility in New York.

166. In the CBP report it is noted that a correctional officer at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility contacted CBP to report that on July 22, 2011, a Cuban national identified as ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL-Gonzalez, had attempted to enter the Cape Vincent New York State Correctional Facility to visit an inmate. The correctional officer became suspicious because the only identification that PIMENTEL had on his person, was paperwork from an immigration court. PIMENTEL was first interviewed by the prison staff and then PIMENTEL was denied access to the facility because of the lack of reliable identification.

167. In the interview by the Correctional Personnel at the correctional facility, PIMENTEL

stated that he traveled from Florida by car and arrived in Albany, New York, on Friday, July 22, 2011. PIMENTEL claimed to be with friends and relatives who had come to visit inmate Derrick Santiesteban.

168. The report reflected that there were three people with PIMENTEL when he arrived at the correctional facility. Those three people were identified as (1) CD11, (2) ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN and (3) Gilberto Santiesteban Jr. After interviewing PIMENTEL, the prison officials denied PIMENTEL access, but ALEXANDER, Gilberto Jr. and CD11 were admitted to visit with inmate Derrick SANTIESTEBAN.

169. In Summary: CD11 assisted in cutting marijuana grows on two occasions. The first marijuana harvest where CD11 participated was in late November or early December 2009. CD11 recalls that he saw 20 to 30 plants. The second time that CD11 assisted in cutting marijuana plants occurred in July or August 2010, at a home where ALEXANDER had lived. CD11 and ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote," were directed by ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN to cut down a small grow of a few immature plants. The plants were cut down and the grow was shut down.

170. CD11 delivered a total of approximately 40 pounds of marijuana on behalf of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. The marijuana deliveries were spread over approximately four separate deliveries. CD11 also picked-up cash drug proceeds on multiple occasions for the SANTIESTEBAN DTO. CD11 also received bank account numbers from Yadira Santiesteban and deposited marijuana cash proceeds into that account at her direction in the northeast U.S. CD11 also assisted, a courier who transported approximately forty pounds of marijuana for ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, from South Florida to the log cabin in Monticello, New York on one occasion.

**Osceola County SO Search Warrant Execution on November 26, 2008,
and Incriminating Statements by DAYANA CASTELLANOS**

171. On November 26, 2008, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office executed a state search warrant at 7045 Big Bend, St. Cloud, Osceola County, Florida. This was the home of ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo" and DAYANA CASTELLANOS, a/k/a "Dayana Ramos, a/k/a Dayana Costellanos." This home was identified by CD5 beginning at paragraph 88 earlier in this Affidavit.

172. When the Sheriff's Office entered the home, they found the remnants of a marijuana grow operation in the residence but no one was home at the time. The detectives seized a large amount of marijuana grow equipment and marijuana residue that was left in the area. They also found an electrical power diversion that had been run into the home.

173. The Sheriff's Office had Crime Scene Technicians process the scene and latent fingerprints were recovered from the marijuana grow area. Those latent fingerprints were transferred to the Miami-Dade County Police Department at the request of your Affiant and other investigators in this case to be used as part of our investigation. The latent fingerprints were compared to the known fingerprints of our subjects. Fingerprints belonging to ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo" and ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote" were found on items in the marijuana grow area.

174. Nothing transpired immediately following the search warrant execution, and then four (4) days after the search warrant execution, on November 30, 2008, DAYANA CASTELLANOS called the Sheriff's Office to report a burglary at the home.

175. Deputies met with DAYANA CASTELLANOS and after she was informed that the

SO had executed a search warrant, she was given her Miranda Warnings, even though she was not in custody. After the warnings, DAYANA agreed to speak with the detective and made some self-serving comments, but she also made some incriminating admissions as follows:

176. DAYANA was confronted about what appeared to be a shopping list for chemicals commonly used in growing marijuana. The list was written in a woman's handwriting. DAYANA said that she picked up things for ALEXANDER and she admitted that the list was in her handwriting. She said that she knew the chemicals on the list were used for cultivating marijuana. No further handwriting exemplars were taken and the list was not submitted for a forensic handwriting analysis with a known exemplar of DAYANA.

177. DAYANA said that she knew what the equipment in the home was used for, but stated that she wasn't involved in anything illegal and that her husband ALEXANDER was responsible for that part of the home.

178. DAYANA said that ALEXANDER worked in the family business and made deliveries for his brother who had a warehouse in Miami that sold hydroponic grow equipment. She also said the equipment in the home belonged to that same brother.

179. When confronted about the theft of electrical power through the power diversion, DAYANA stated that the power was her responsibility.

180. DAYANA was arrested and charged with drug offenses involving the grow house and stealing electrical power. At a later time the Sheriff's Office also charged ALEXANDER with the marijuana grow and stealing electrical power. The charges against both were later dismissed by the State Attorney's Office.

181. DAYANA lived in homes where marijuana grows were conducted in Miami-Dade

County during the course of the conspiracy. Those marijuana grow operations were run in the family home by her paramour and father to her children, ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a/ "Bolo" as set forth earlier in this Affidavit.

Marijuana Plant Count Analysis

In your affiant's investigation of the SANTIESTEBAN DTO, he and other law enforcement officers have identified twenty different marijuana grow houses that have been used by the SANTIESTEBAN DTO from 2004 until May 2012. Your Affiant has established evidence including the records of seized marijuana that law enforcement agencies interdicted and the testimony of cooperating witnesses to establish that in this conspiracy, the SANTIESTEBAN DTO was responsible for a minimum of 1,146 marijuana plants. This figure was reached after calculating witness testimony and seizure records for those twenty marijuana grow house locations that have thus far been identified.

WHEREFORE, for the above stated reasons, your affiant believes that probable cause exists to charge the following defendants:

- (1) ALEXANDER SANTIESTEBAN, a/k/a "Bolo," Hispanic male, date of birth of July 3, 1981.
- (2) DARVIS SANTIESTEBAN, Hispanic male, date of birth of November 7, 1979.
- (3) GILBERTO SANTIESTEBAN Sr., a/k/a/ "Indio," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 6, 1953.
- (4) JOHN VILLALONGA, a/k/a "Jit", Hispanic male, date of birth of April 24, 1970.
- (5) DAVID SILVA, Hispanic male, date of birth of February 22, 1973.
- (6) RAUL FABIAN RAMIREZ, Jr., a/k/a/ "Ra-Ra," Hispanic male, date

of birth of November 5, 1981.

- (7) FRANCISCO JAVIER DIAZ, a/k/a "Frankie," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 28, 1985.
- (8) GERMAN SILVESTRO, Hispanic male, date of birth of October 29, 1971.
- (9) ALEJANDRO PIMENTEL, a/k/a "Bigote," Hispanic male, date of birth of June 22, 1965.
- (10) DAYANA CASTELLANOS, a/k/a "Dayana Ramos, a/k/a Dayana Costellanos," Hispanic female date of birth of August 25, 1981, and
- (11) ESTRELLA J. MIJARES, Hispanic female, date of birth of November 4, 1982,

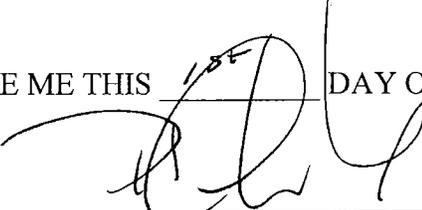
with conspiracy from in or around January 2004, to on or about May 31, 2012, to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846 and aiding and abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A)(vii), it is further alleged that this violation involved one thousand (1,000) or more marijuana plants.

Further Sayeth your Affiant Naught



MICHAEL GUALTIERI
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SUBSCRIBED TO AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2012.



PATRICK A. WHITE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA