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Three Previously Deported Aliens Plead Guilty to Federal Crimes

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jose Alejandro Diaz -Tinoco, 35, Luis Eduardo Salto-Garcia 31, and Reynaldo Aviles- Hernandez 44, all Mexican Nationals, have each pled guilty to several federal crimes, including illegal re-entry to the United States after a previous deportation.

In the course of Diaz Tinoco's his guilty plea, he admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States after being convicted of a felony drug trafficking offense in California. Tinoco admitted he unlawfully re-entered the United States prior to being arrested by the Kentucky State Police, on April 4, 2018, when he was in possession of \$13,360 in cash. Immigration records show that Diaz-Tinoco has been deported from the United States on at least two prior occasions.

In the course of Luis Eduardo Salto-Garcia's guilty plea, he admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States, and that he had unlawfully re-entered the United States prior to being arrested on March 1, 2018, by the Lexington Police, for unlawfully possessing a stolen firearm and a domestic violence offense. Immigration records show that Salto-Garcia has been deported from the United States on at least one prior occasion.

In the course of Reynaldo Aviles-Hernandez's guilty plea, he admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States and had unlawfully re-entered the United States. He further admitted to using a fake United States social security card and other documents to obtain employment in Fayette County. Immigration records show that Aviles-Hernandez has been deported from the United States on at least three prior occasions.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Kristoffer Cortex, Acting Assistant Field Office Director, ICE; Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police Department; and Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, jointly made the announced the guilty pleas.

The investigations were conducted by ICE, KSP, and the Lexington Police. The United States was represented in the cases by Assistant United States Attorney Roger W. West.

Diaz-Tinoco, Salto-Garcia, Aviles-Hernandez are currently scheduled to appear for sentencing, before Chief United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, on DATE. Their sentences will be imposed by the Court, after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of sentences.

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