

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

\* CRIMINAL NO. 15-258 "R"

v.

\* SECTION:

SERGIO GALVEZ-VELAZQUEZ

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

The defendant, **Sergio Galvez-Velazquez** (hereinafter "**Galvez**"), has agreed to plead guilty to Count one of the indictment charging him with illegal use of a social security number in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 408(a)(7)(B).

Should this matter have gone to trial, the government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and other admissible evidence, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the indictment now pending against the defendant:

On an unknown date, an Assistant District Attorney with the Terrebonne Parish District Attorney's Office received an anonymous tip that an individual, who was using the identity of Puerto Rican man (hereinafter referred to as Mr. E), was due in 32nd Judicial District Court on August 3, 2015 for various traffic violations, which included DUI, negligent injuring, and careless operation. Upon receiving this tip, the Assistant District Attorney asked the HSI office in Houma to investigate the matter. A joint investigation by HSI and the Louisiana State Police (LSP) revealed that the subject's true identity was Sergio Galvez-Valasquez of Mexico. HSI and

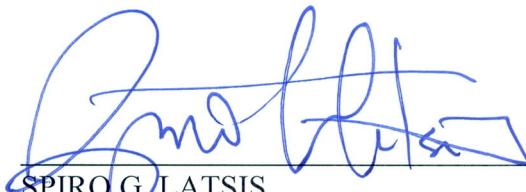
LSP were able to confirm his identity by analyzing the fingerprints that were taken from him when he was booked for the above-mentioned traffic violations.

On August 3, 2015, HSI agents and LSP troopers went to the 32nd JDC to see if **Galvez** would appear in court. Shortly thereafter, the agents and troopers observed **Galvez** enter the courtroom. Moments later the bailiff summoned **Galvez** by his fraudulent name of Mr. E into a meeting room with the Assistant District Attorney assigned to handle **Galvez's** DUI charge. The agents and troopers then followed **Galvez** in the meeting room and asked him his name which he responded Sergio. **Galvez** was subsequently taken into state custody by the troopers and booked with identity theft, filing false public records, providing false information during booking and forgery. At the Terrebonne Parish Jail, the agents and troopers interviewed **Galvez** after reading him his rights per Miranda in Spanish. **Galvez** refused to answer any questions, but he did provide his true and correct name on the LSP Miranda warning declaration form. **Galvez** then spontaneously told one of the HSI agents that he was using Mr. E's name in order to work in the United States. The agents then reviewed various law enforcement and immigration databases and determined that **Galvez** is a citizen of Mexico, and that he was illegally present in the United States.

Following the arrest, the agents reviewed records from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and found an application that **Galvez** submitted on July 8, 2014, to the Houma DMV office for a Louisiana identification card. The records confirmed that **Galvez** used Mr. E's name and social security number to obtain the Louisiana identification card. The agents then conducted checks of various databases and determined that Mr. E is an American citizen from Puerto Rico. They also determined that the above-mentioned social security number was a real

number that had been issued by the Social Security Administration to Mr. E. The Louisiana Department of Public Safety employee that issued the Louisiana identification card to **Galvez** would testify at trial that she would not have issued the said card to **Galvez** had she known that the social security number that he submitted in the application for the card did not belong to him.

HSI agents then determined through their investigation that **Galvez** used the fraudulent identification card and the social security number of Mr. E to obtain employment with Bollinger Ship Yards in Lockport, Louisiana.



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SERGIO GALVEZ-VELAZQUEZ  
Defendant

Date

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