

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* **CRIMINAL NO. 16- 78**

v.

* **SECTION: "S"**

FRANCISCO MENDOZA-ZAVALA
a/k/a Francisco Zavala

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FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **FRANCISCO MENDOZA-ZAVALA** (hereinafter "**MENDOZA**"), has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the one-count indictment charging him with illegal reentry of a previously removed alien in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a).

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:

An agent from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (hereinafter "ICE") would testify that on March 30, 2016, he encountered **MENDOZA** in the Jefferson Parish Jail, which is located within the Eastern District of Louisiana. The agent would testify that he received information that **MENDOZA** was in the United States illegally, and that he then brought him to the ICE office in order to conduct record checks through various U.S. Department of Homeland Security databases. These record checks confirmed that **MENDOZA** was an alien, citizen of El Salvador and illegally present in the United States.

Documentation from ICE records contained in the defendant's Alien File, including a Warrant of Removal/Deportation, complete with the defendant's fingerprints, photographs and signature, would demonstrate that the defendant, **MENDOZA**, was removed from the United States to El Salvador on September 6, 2012. A qualified ICE Fingerprint Specialist would testify that the fingerprints of the individual documented in the Alien File containing the Warrant of Removal/Deportation and the

fingerprints of the defendant were a match.

Testimony of an official from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding record checks conducted through the Computer Linked Application Information Management System would show that the defendant, **MENDOZA**, did not receive consent from the U.S. Attorney General or her designated successor, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to apply for readmission or receive permission to reenter the United States since the time of the defendant's previous removal.



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Date

FRANCISCO MENDOZA-ZAVALA
Defendant

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