

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO. 16-006

v.

* SECTION: "E"

JONATHAN RAMOS-VASQUEZ
a/k/a Angel Jonathan Ramos-Vasquez

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FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **JONATHAN RAMOS-VASQUEZ**, a/k/a **ANGEL JONATHAN RAMOS-VASQUEZ** (hereinafter "**RAMOS**"), has agreed to plead guilty as charged to the one-count indictment, which charges him with being an alien in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(5)(A) and 924(a)(2).

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

Testimony would prove that on March 21, 2015, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office deputies were called to a residence due to an earlier incident. The residence was located within the Eastern District of Louisiana, and they were given permission to enter the residence. The deputies then encountered **RAMOS** in his bedroom, with a firearm visible near him on the bed. Evidence would prove that the firearm was an Astra model A70, 9mm semi-automatic handgun, bearing serial number W7650. **RAMOS** waived his rights and claimed ownership of the gun.

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent would testify that **RAMOS** admitted that he was an alien in the United States illegally and was a citizen of Honduras. He also stated that he did not have permission to enter and that he had not filed any immigration paperwork in order to legally visit, live, or work in the United States. This information was later confirmed through law enforcement database queries that revealed that **RAMOS** was in fact a Honduran citizen and illegally present within the United States. **RAMOS** had previously been deported from the United States on October 26, 2011 and did not have permission from the Attorney General of the United States or her designated successor, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to reenter.

Further investigation confirmed that the Astra model A70, 9mm semi-automatic handgun with serial number W7650 that was seized from **RAMOS**, had traveled in interstate commerce as it was manufactured in Spain. Accordingly, the gun traveled in interstate commerce in order to be located in the Eastern District of Louisiana.

This factual basis is not intended to constitute a complete statement of all facts known by **RAMOS** or the government, but rather is a minimum statement of facts intended to prove the necessary factual predicate for the guilty plea. The limited purpose of this factual basis is to

demonstrate that there exists a sufficient legal and factual basis for **RAMOS** to enter a valid plea of guilty to Count One of the indictment.


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Assistant United States Attorney

7.27.16

Date

JONATHAN RAMOS-VASQUEZ
Defendant

Date

VALERIE WELZ JUSSELIN
Attorney for Ramos

Date