



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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * **CRIMINAL NO. 18-53**

v. * **SECTION: "J"**

JESUS MATEHUALA-CABALLERO *
a/k/a Francisco Rodriguez

* * *

FACTUAL BASIS

The United States, represented by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and the defendant, **JESUS MATEHUALA-CABALLERO**, hereby agree that this Factual Basis is a true and accurate statement of the Defendant's criminal conduct, that it provides a sufficient basis for the Defendant's plea of guilty to the charges contained in the Indictment in the above-captioned matter, and had this matter proceeded to trial, the following facts would be established beyond a reasonable doubt through competent evidence and testimony:

In March 2016, Department Homeland Security conducted a Form I-9 audit of an agricultural facility located in Tangipahoa Parish. A Form I-9 is used for verifying the identity and employment authorization of individuals hired for employment in the United States. All United States employers must ensure proper completion of Forms I-9 for each individual they hire. The employee must present his or her employer with acceptable documents evidencing his identity and employment authorization.

During the I-9 audit, it was determined that an employee who identified himself as Francisco Rodriguez had falsely represented his identity on the I-9. According to the information on the I-9, he had presented a social security card in the name of "FRANSISCO RODRIGUEZ-G." bearing number XXX-XX-1234 and a resident alien card in the name of "FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ-G." bearing number XXX XXX 380. However, the numbers did not match the names in the Social Security Administration or Citizenship and Immigration databases. The social security number had been issued to someone else.

On February 21, 2018, special agents with HSI went to the agricultural facility and interviewed the individual claiming to be Francisco Rodriguez. He told agents that his real name was Jesus. He told agents that he still had the identity documents used to get his employment, and gave the agents consent to retrieve the documents from his residence in Amite, Louisiana. Further investigation revealed that his real name was **JESUS MATEHUALA-CABALLERO**.

During the search of **JESUS MATEHUALA-CABALLERO**'s residence, agents found the actual resident alien card and the social security card the defendant had presented for employment at the agricultural facility. They also found an additional resident alien card in the name of Francisco Gomez, and two additional social security cards in other names. **JESUS MATEHUALA-CABALLERO** admitted that he was not in the country legally, and told agents

that he got the falsified documents from a former employee at the agricultural facility.

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