

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO. 18-64

v.

* SECTION: "F"

JOSE ARTEAGA-CENTENO
a/k/a Jose Arteaga-Centeno
a/k/a Santos Ebelio-Artiaga

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FACTUAL BASIS

The defendant, **JOSE ARTEAGA-CENTENO, a/k/a Jose Arteaga-Centeno, a/k/a Santos Ebelio-Artiaga ("ARTEAGA")**, 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:

On March 8, 2018, ICE agents received information that the defendant was in the custody of the Tangipahoa Sheriff's Office. An agent would testify that he located **ARTEAGA** inside of the jail, and asked him some questions. **ARTEAGA** admitted that he was an illegal alien, that had been previously removed, and had no permission to reenter the United States. The defendant was arrested and transported to the ICE office. The parish of Tangipahoa is located within the Eastern District of Louisiana.


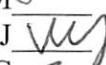

An ICE agent would testify that once **ARTEAGA** was inside of the ICE office, record checks were run through various U.S. Department of Homeland Security databases in order to verify his citizenship and status. The defendant's biographic information was run through the Automated Biometric

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Identification System and showed that he was previously removed on May 24, 2013. These record checks further confirmed that the defendant was an alien, citizen of Mexico and illegally present in the United States.

Further 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 further demonstrate that the defendant, **ARTEAGA**, was removed from the United States to Mexico on May 24, 2013. 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. Documentation from the Alien File would further show that the defendant is an alien and not a citizen or national of the United States.

Testimony of an official from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services regarding record checks conducted through the Computer Linked Application Information Management System ("CLAIMS") would show that the defendant, **ARTEAGA**, did not receive consent from the U.S. Attorney General or his 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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Also, court records would prove that prior to his removal on May 24, 2013, **ARTEAGA** was convicted of a felony on September 29, 2011, in United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, case number 11-430, for violating Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) to wit: being an illegal alien previously removed who reentered the United States without permission.



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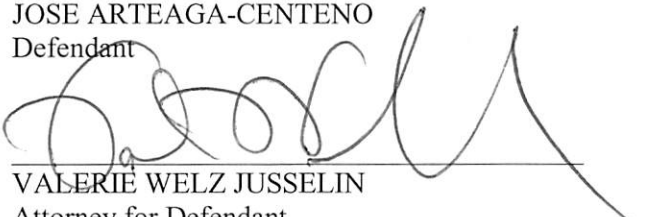
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