

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

* CRIMINAL NO.: 18-177

v.

* SECTION: "R"

JOSE LUIS MEZA-LOPEZ

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LA.
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FACTUAL BASIS

In support of the guilty plea of the defendant, **JOSE LUIS MEZA-LOPEZ** ("MEZA-LOPEZ"), to Count 1 of the Bill of Information for Illegal Re-entry of a Removed Alien, the Government submits that should this matter have gone to trial, the Government would have proven, through the introduction of competent testimony and admissible, tangible exhibits, the following facts, beyond a reasonable doubt, to support the allegations in the Bill of Information now pending against the defendant:

On May 30, 2018, after receiving information that an individual believed to have been removed multiple times from the United States was residing at a home in Kenner, Louisiana, New Orleans ICE Officers conducted surveillance of a residence located at 1900 34th Street, Kenner, Louisiana. ICE Officers then saw a man leave the residence and enter a Nissan Titan extended cab pickup truck and drive off. ICE officers followed him to the 3300 block of Hans Avenue where he picked up two passengers.

Thereafter, ICE officers conducted a vehicle stop at the intersection of Hans Avenue and 33rd Street in Kenner, Louisiana. An ICE officer encountered the target occupant, who identified

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himself as **JOSE LUIS MEZA-LOPEZ (MEZA-LOPEZ)**. **MEZA-LOPEZ** provided identification in the form of a California driver's license and a Mexican Identification card.

During the course of an interview conducted to determine alienage, **MEZA-LOPEZ** freely admitted to being a citizen and national of Mexico with no legal right to be or remain in the United States. He also stated that he had been previously deported and did not possess any immigration documents that allowed him to re-enter the United States after his previous removal. **MEZA-LOPEZ** was then arrested and his bio-metric data processed through the ICE computer system which confirmed his stated identity, Alien Registration number XXX XXX 665, and previous immigration history based upon his positive fingerprint match.

A review of **MEZA-LOPEZ**'s immigration records revealed the following:

MEZA-LOPEZ has been removed on four prior occasions: May 11, 2011, May 19, 2012, June 22, 2012, and July 20, 2012. More specifically, on April 6, 2011, **MEZA-LOPEZ** was arrested by ICE/ERO in Atlanta, Georgia. He was ordered removed to Mexico by an immigration judge on April 20, 2011 and was removed on May 11, 2011.

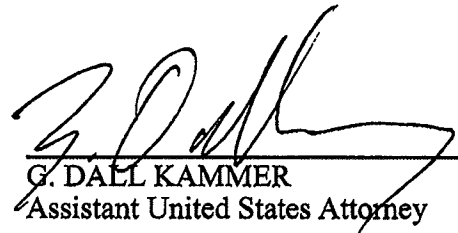
On May 18, 2012 **MEZA-LOPEZ** was arrested by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol ("CBP") near Freer, Texas, and was removed to Mexico on May 19, 2012 subsequent to a reinstatement of his April 20, 2011 order of removal.

On June 18, 2012, **MEZA-LOPEZ** was arrested by CBP near Hebbronville, Texas. His April 20, 2011 order of removal was reinstated and he was removed to Mexico on June 22, 2011.


On June 27, 2012, **MEZA-LOPEZ** was arrested near Laredo, Texas and a reinstatement of his prior order of removal was issued. On June 29, 2012, **MEZA-LOPEZ** pleaded guilty in Case No. 5:12-po-05021 (U.S.D.C-S.D.Tx) to Illegal Entry, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1325. He was sentenced to 25 days in jail and was removed from the United States on July 20, 2012.

MEZA-LOPEZ is a native and citizen of Mexico who has no claim of United States citizenship or lawful immigration status. United States immigration records establish that **MEZA-LOPEZ** never received express permission to re-enter the United States from the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security or any Immigration Officer after having been previously removed from the United States, all in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a), to wit: Reentry of a Removed Alien.

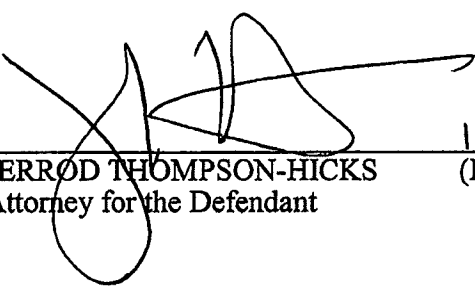
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