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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JONATHAN MATTHEW GONZALEZ,
a.k.a. "Gallo,"
RICARDO ARCE, III, and
VICKI LYNN SOWELL,

Defendants.

CRIMINAL NO. 21CR1044RB

Count 1: 18 U.S.C. § 1203(a):
Conspiracy to Take a Hostage;

Counts 2 and 3: 18 U.S.C. § 1203:
Hostage Taking; and 18 U.S.C. § 2:
Aiding and Abetting.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Count 1

From on or about April 1, 2021, and continuing to on or about April 27, 2021, in Otero County, in the District of New Mexico, and elsewhere, the defendants, **JONATHAN MATTHEW GONZALEZ, RICARDO ARCE, III, and VICKI LYNN SOWELL**, unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally combined, conspired, confederated, agreed, and acted interdependently with each other and with other persons whose names are known and unknown to the Grand Jury to seize and detain and threaten to kill, to injure, and to continue to detain another person in order to compel a third person to do any act, specifically, to pay a sum of United States currency, as an explicit and implicit condition for the release of the person detained.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1203(a).

Count 2

From on or about April 15, 2021, and continuing to on or about April 27, 2021, in Otero County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendants, **JONATHAN MATTHEW GONZALEZ, RICARDO ARCE, III**, and **VICKI LYNN SOWELL**, intentionally seized and detained and threatened to kill, injure, and continue to detain John Doe 1 in order to compel a third person to pay ransom money, as an explicit and implicit condition for the release of the hostage John Doe 1.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1203 and 2.

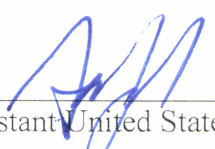
Count 3

From on or about April 14, 2021, and continuing to on or about April 27, 2021, in Otero County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendants, **JONATHAN MATTHEW GONZALEZ, RICARDO ARCE, III**, and **VICKI LYNN SOWELL**, intentionally seized and detained and threatened to kill, injure, and continue to detain John Doe 2 in order to compel a third person to pay ransom money, as an explicit and implicit condition for the release of the hostage John Doe 2.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1203 and 2.

A TRUE BILL:

/s/
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY



Assistant United States Attorney


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