

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Mexico

United States of America
v.
Alejandro VILLALOBOS-Torres

Case No. 25-427 MJ

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of October 23 - November 3, 2022 in the county of Dona Ana in the
District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

18:1203(a)

- Conspiracy to take a hostage

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Alexandre Sevrain

Complainant's signature

Alexandre Sevrain, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me ^{*via phone*} and signed in my presence.

Date: 3/11/25

City and state: Las Cruces, NM

Damian L. Martinez

Judge's signature

Damian L. Martinez, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Affidavit

United States

v.

Alejandro VILLALOBOS-Torres, aka "Gabacho" or "Gavacho"

On February 20, 2025, I, Special Agent Alexandre Sevrain of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) El Paso, participated in the immigration arrest of Alejandro VILLALOBOS-Torres. On March 11, 2025, an HSI task force officer and I arrested VILLALOBOS-Torres at the ICE Otero Processing Center and transferred him to Otero County Prison for criminal proceedings regarding a 2022 kidnapping case.

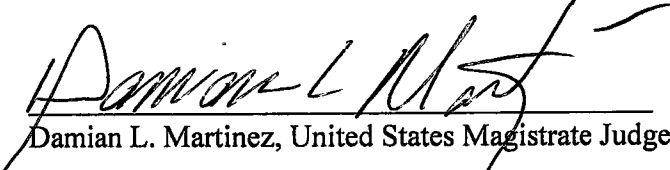
VILLALOBOS-Torres is the subject of a 2022 kidnapping investigation where HSI El Paso responded to two undocumented non-citizens (UNCs) held against their will by a smuggling organization. A search of a residence in that investigation resulted in the discovery of 2 undocumented males. Through interviews, it was found that the individuals were being held against their will.

Through several interviews of detained individuals, HSI El Paso learned that an individual by the name "Gavacho"/"Gabacho" worked with other co-conspirators to smuggle illegal aliens into the U.S. and detained two UNCs against their will in the aforementioned kidnapping. In addition, the UNCs were threatened with physical harm. While detained, one of the victim's family members was contacted to request additional money for the release of the victim. Through a photo line-up, "Gavacho"/"Gabacho" was identified as the individual smuggling UNCs into the U.S. and giving instructions during the hostage taking event. This individual was later identified as Alejandro VILLALOBOS-Torres.

Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause to believe that from approximately October 23, 2022 to November 3, 2022, Alejandro VILLALOBOS-Torres conspired to take hostages in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1203(a).

Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause as set forth herein, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning the investigation.

I make this affidavit on the basis of my personal knowledge and information furnished to me by other law enforcement officers.


Damian L. Martinez, United States Magistrate Judge


Alexandre Sevrain, Special Agent