

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of Texas

United States of America )

v. )

Gregorio Fernando Lopez-Martinez )  
a/k/a Xavier LOPEZ-Palacios )

Case No. )

2:20-MJ-94 )

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 July 21, 2020 in the county of Hartley in the Northern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section 18 USC 1546 Offense Description Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits, and other Documents

This criminal complaint is based on these facts: see attached affidavit in support of complaint.

Continued on the attached sheet.

s/ Tedd Dekreek

Complainant's signature

Tedd Dekreek, HSI SA

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 07/22/2020

Lee Ann Reno Judge's signature

City and state: Amarillo, Texas

Lee Ann Reno, United States Magistrate Judge

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT

I, Tedd Dekreek, being duly sworn, depose and state:

- 1) I am a Special Agent for Homeland Security Investigations assigned to the Amarillo, Texas office. I have been so employed for approximately twenty-three (23) years. As part of my duties as a Special Agent, I investigate criminal violations related to immigration and alien smuggling, narcotics, firearms offenses, and other violations of law. I have been involved in several investigations relating to counterfeit documents.
- 2) This affidavit is made in support of a complaint and arrest warrant for Gregorio Fernando LOPEZ-Martinez, aka Xavier LOPEZ-Palacios (Defendant).
- 3) On September 11, 2019, HSI Amarillo served a Notice of Inspection (NOI) to a business located in Dalhart, Texas, as part of a forms I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) audit. As part of this audit, HSI received the forms I-9 for this business's employees, which included one bearing the name Xavier LOPEZ-Palacios. HSI also received the supporting documents for Xavier LOPEZ-Palacios, which were a Texas Identification Card and Social Security card.
- 4) Records checks were conducted on the Texas Identification card. The number contained on the Texas Identification Card revealed that this number was assigned to another individual. Records checks were also conducted utilizing the name and date of birth on the Texas Identification Card, which revealed that no such document had ever been issued. In addition, the Social Security card presented by LOPEZ-Palacios appears to be counterfeit.
- 5) On July 21, 2020, HSI Agents and Department of Labor – Office of Inspector General (DOL-OIG) agents arrested LOPEZ-Martinez. LOPEZ-Martinez was subsequently transported to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) facility in Amarillo, Texas.
- 6) While there, LOPEZ-Martinez was advised of his Miranda rights and agreed to answer questions without an attorney present. LOPEZ-Martinez was shown a copy of the counterfeit Texas Identification Card and counterfeit Social Security card. LOPEZ-Martinez admitted that he had presented them for employment at the business, that he knew they were counterfeit, and that he had received them from a friend.

7) Based upon the information contained within this affidavit, I believe there is probable cause that Defendant is in violation of 18 USC 1546 (Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits, and other Documents).

s/ Tedd Dekreek  
Tedd Dekreek  
Special Agent  
Homeland Security Investigations

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence

July 22, 2020 at Amarillo, Texas  
Date City and State

Lee Ann Reno U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Lee Ann Reno  
Signature of Judicial Officer