

Southern District of Texas  
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AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**NOV 16 2013**

for the  
Southern District of Texas

**Clerk of Court**

United States of America )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 Salatiel Duran Reyes )  
 *Defendant(s)* )

Case No. *M-13-2028-M-02*

**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 November 15, 2013 in the county of Hidalgo in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*  
Title 22, United States Code, Section(s) 2778

*Offense Description*  
Knowingly and willfully conspired to attempt export and/or cause to be exported into the United Mexican States from the United States of America a defense article, to wit: (weapons), which were designated as defense articles on the United States Munitions List, without having first obtained from the Department of State a license for such export.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

Continued on the attached sheet.



*Complainant's Signature*

David Sanchez Special Agent

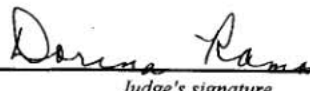
*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

11/16/2013  
*Date*

McAllen, Texas

*City and State*



*Judge's signature*

Dorina Ramos U.S. Magistrate Judge

*Printed name and title*


### **Attachment A**

On November 15, 2013, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents received information from a source of information regarding the alleged purchase of five (5) AK-47 assault rifles by Salatiel DURAN REYES who was anticipating smuggling the assault rifles from the U.S. to Mexico. The source of information stated DURAN REYES was planning on purchasing the weapons in the parking lot at the San Juan Basilica in San Juan, Texas. The source of information stated DURAN REYES was arranging a meeting with an undocumented alien (UDA) to arrange for the smuggle of the assault rifles. The source of information stated DURAN REYES would be driving a maroon Chevrolet truck.

On the same date, HSI and ATF Special Agents maintained continued and constant surveillance of the San Juan Basilica parking lot. Subsequently, Special Agents observed a Maroon Chevrolet park adjacent to a black Mustang and observed a male subject open the trunk of the mustang. The male subject reentered his truck where it appeared he was adjusting the maroon truck in a position to load something from the mustang to his truck. Special Agents approached and arrested male subject later identified as DURAN REYES, a lawful permanent resident from Mexico residing in the U.S. Special Agents looked into the trunk of the mustang where 5 boxes containing AK-47s were discovered.

Following the immediate arrest of DURAN REYES, a search of the glove compartment of the maroon truck resulted in the discovery \$4540 in U.S. currency. Without questioning and immediately following his arrest, DURAN REYES blurted out he was purchasing the weapons for the sole purpose of unlawfully exporting them from the U.S. to Mexico. DURAN REYES stated the weapons were going to be smuggled possibly utilizing a green Chevrolet Avalanche and hidden in a compartment located in the rear seats and through one of the Ports of Entry in Hidalgo County, Texas.

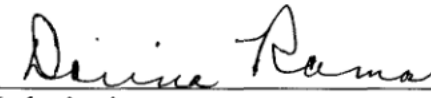
DURAN REYES was arrested for violation of Title 22, U.S.C. 2778, Control of Arm Exports and Imports.

  
Complainant's signature

David Sanchez, Special Agent  
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: November 16, 2013

  
Judge's signature

City and state: McAllen, TX

Dorina Ramos, U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Printed name and title