

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of Texas

United States of America
v.
SanJuana Guadalupe ZEBADUA,
Fidencio ORTIZ,
Jonathan SIFUENTES, and
Jesse BARRIENTOS aka: Carlos REYES
Defendant(s)

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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 24, 2015 in the county of Webb in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 USC 371, 18 USC 924 a (1) (A), and 18 USC 2.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attachment

[X] Continued on the attached sheet.

M. Perez
Complainant's signature
Special Agent Marissa Perez
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 11/25/2015

Guillermo R. Garcia
Judge's signature
US Magistrate Judge Guillermo R. Garcia
Printed name and title

City and state: Laredo, Texas

On November 24, 2015, the Laredo Police Department conducted a traffic stop in the area of 5210 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo Texas, on a 2009 white Chevy Malibu with Texas plates, for a traffic violation. At this time, the female driver was identified as San Juana Guadalupe ZEBADUA, and a male passenger identified himself as Jesse Barrientes, but was later determined to be Carlos REYES. During the course of the traffic stop, ZEBADUA stated to the officer that she had just purchased a firearm and had the firearm in the vehicle. The officer was advised by ZEBADUA that the type of firearm she purchased was a semi-automatic rifle, Model AR-50A1, made by Armalite, in .50 BMG Caliber. The firearm was in the rear seat, placed half way into the trunk. Due to the type and caliber of the firearm, the Officer notified the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). ATF Agents arrived and spoke to ZEBADUA and REYES to verify information concerning the firearm, and their possession of the firearm. ZEBADUA and REYES agreed to be interviewed at the Laredo Police Department by ATF agents. ZEBADUA admitted that she had acquired the firearm with funds provided by REYES, and falsely executed ATF Form 4473 certifying that she was the purchaser of the firearm when in fact she knew that she was purchasing it for another person. During the course of the interview, REYES admitted to the agents that he had received the money from the "Los Zetas" Mexican crime organization to purchase that rifle for the organization. Specifically, he provided ZEBADUA with \$5,000 USD cash to purchase the firearm. REYES stated "Pononia" later identified as Fidencio ORTIZ would be coming from Mexico with other individuals to inspect the firearm, and make arrangements to have it smuggled into Mexico by an unknown female. REYES identified ORTIZ as a wheelchair-bound, handicapped individual who would be occupying a green in color Ford Expedition.

REYES contacted ORTIZ, who advised that he would come over to ORTIZ's residence to inspect the firearm, and make final arrangements for its delivery to Mexico. Agents established surveillance on the residence after REYES and ORTIZ confirmed arrangements to meet at the residence. A green in color Ford Expedition arrives at the residence, and agents approached and identified Johnathan SIFUENTES as the driver, and ORTIZ, a wheelchair-bound, handicapped individual, as the passenger. SIFUENTES stated that he and ORTIZ had crossed the bridge earlier that evening and they were coming to see the .50 caliber rifle that was later going to be smuggled into Mexico by a female. SIFUENTES stated that ORTIZ would be paying REYES for the firearm. SIFUENTES added that REYES had sent a picture of the firearm to ORTIZ earlier.