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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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David J. Bradley, Clerk  
Laredo Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

VS.

Teodoro SANCHEZ-Alejo

Alejandro RIVERA-Ruiz

*FPP*  
*Next CSA*

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Case Number 5:12mj 527-1  
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I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Count 1**

On or about **April 24, 2012**, in Webb County, in the Southern District of Texas defendant, **Teodoro SANCHEZ-Alejo and Alejandro RIVERA-Ruiz**, did conspire to fraudulently and knowingly attempt to export and send from the United States to the Republic of Mexico, any merchandise, article, and object, to wit: two hundred and fifty (250) 7.62 millimeter ammunition magazines and fifty (50) 5.56 millimeter ammunition magazines, contrary to the laws and regulations of the United States, to wit, Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778(b)(2) and Section 2778(c), and Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 121.1, 123.1, 127.1, and 127.3, and did facilitate the transportation and concealment of said ammunition magazines prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to said laws and regulations of the United States.


In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371, 554, and 2.

I further state that I am a Special Agent, Homeland Security Investigations, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

**SEE ATTACHMENT "A"**

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 at Laredo, Texas.

  
Honorable J. Scott Hacker  
United States Magistrate Judge

  
SA Joseph Denison  
Complainant

ATTACHMENT "A"

On April 24, 2012, Special Agents with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) developed information that a red in color Kenworth truck was going to smuggle firearm magazines to the Republic of Mexico. Agents notified Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the information. Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPO) were working on the outbound lanes at the Colombia Solidarity Bridge in Laredo, Texas when they encountered a 2010 red in color Kenworth truck model T-370 bearing the words "Morales Trucking" on the door. The driver of the vehicle identified himself as Teodoro SANCHEZ-Alejo, a Mexican national with a border crossing card. SANCHEZ-Alejo provided a negative declaration for currency, weapons, and ammunition to CBP Officers. SANCHEZ-Alejo was referred to secondary for further inspection.

A canine inspection was conducted by a CBP Officer (Canine) and his Currency and Firearms Detector Dog (CFDD). CBP Officer (Canine) advised that his CFDD alerted to the presence of currency and/or firearms and ammunition in the tractor.

A search of the Kenworth truck was conducted which revealed two hundred and fifty (250) firearm magazines, each designed to hold 30 rounds of 7.62 x 39 millimeter ammunition, and fifty (50) firearm magazines, each designed to hold 30 rounds of 5.56 millimeter ammunition. Subsequently, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents responded to the scene.

SANCHEZ-Alejo was advised of his Miranda Rights and agreed to make statements without an attorney present. SANCHEZ-Alejo admitted to receiving the rifle magazines from two (2) unknown individuals and being in possession of them. SANCHEZ-Alejo admitted he was attempting to smuggle the rifle magazines to Mexico. SANCHEZ-Alejo admitted that he did not possess, nor did he apply, for an export license for the rifle magazines. SANCHEZ-Alejo admitted to conspiring with others to export the magazines illegally into the Republic of Mexico. SANCHEZ was placed under arrest by HSI Agents and charged with 18 U.S.C. 371, 554, and 2.

RIVERA-Ruiz was advised of his Miranda Rights and agreed to make statements without an attorney present. RIVERA-Ruiz admitted to receiving the rifle magazines from an individual and being in possession of them. RIVERA-Ruiz admitted he was attempting to smuggle the rifle magazines to Mexico. RIVERA-Ruiz further stated that he knew that exporting rifle magazines from the United States to Mexico was illegal. RIVERA-Ruiz admitted to conspiring with others to export the magazines illegally into the Republic of Mexico. RIVERA-Ruiz was placed under arrest by HSI Agents and charged with 18 U.S.C. 371, 554, and 2.

(2) Rivera-Ruiz had been observed by agents as one of two persons delivering boxes to Sanchez-Alejo before Sanchez-Alejo drove to the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge, where the boxes of ~~firearm~~ rifle & magazines were found in the truck.