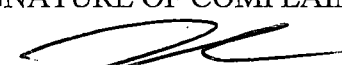

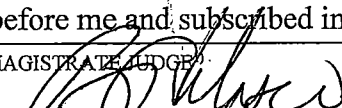


CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

United States District Court	DISTRICT of ARIZONA
United States of America v. Marco Antonio PERALTA-Vega DOB: xx/xx/1983 United States Citizen	DOCKET NO.
	MAGISTRATE'S CASE NO. 19-04263RJ
Complaint for violation of Title 18 United States Code § 554(a)	
COMPLAINANT'S STATEMENT OF FACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENSE OR VIOLATION:	
<p>Between March 2016 and December 2018, at or near Nogales, Tucson, Phoenix, and elsewhere within the District of Arizona, Marco Antonio PERALTA-Vega knowingly exported and sent from the United States, and attempted to export and send from the United States, any merchandise, article, or object contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, and received, concealed, bought, sold, and in any manner facilitated the transportation, concealment, and sale of such merchandise, article or object, to wit: two Colt .38 caliber handguns, one Ceska Zbrojovka 9 mm handgun, 2,649 high capacity rifle magazines, 120 Ballistic Body Armor plates, 100 rounds of .50 caliber BMG ammunition, 3,500 rounds of 5.7 mm ammunition, 8,000 rounds of 7.62 caliber ammunition, 4,000 rounds of 5.56 caliber ammunition; 6,000 rounds of 2.23 caliber ammunition, 3,100 rounds of .38 Super ammunition, 3,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition, 1,500 rounds of 10 mm ammunition, 2,000 rounds of 380 /Auto ammunition, 2,000 rounds of 5.45 ammunition, 3,000 rounds of 45 ACP ammunition, and 1,000 rounds of .357 caliber ammunition, knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, to wit: Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778; Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 121.1; and Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 123.1; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 554(a).</p>	
BASIS OF COMPLAINANT'S CHARGE AGAINST THE ACCUSED:	
<p>Between January 2017 and November 2018, Marco Antonio PERALTA-Vega, owner of PH Distributing, had 53 shipments received at his residence/business and/or two separate storage facilities which he rented to receive shipments under the PH Distributing name. Within the 53 shipments received at either PERALTA's residence/business address, CubeSmart Self Storage facility, or Nogales Self Storage facility (all in Nogales, Arizona), were 120 Ballistic Body Armor plates, 2,649 high capacity rifle magazines, and a total of 37,200 rounds of ammunition in various calibers. During an interview of PERALTA on November 26, 2018, he admitted to agents that he was facilitating the purchase, delivery, and shipment of these items, which are all International Traffic in Arms Regulations items. PERALTA further admitted that he would transfer these items to other persons in the Nogales, Arizona area who he knew were illegally exporting the items from the United States into Mexico. PERALTA would receive payment for the orders once the items were delivered in Mexico. PERALTA stated he would order items in Mexico on behalf of different individuals and would also allow other individuals to use his address for the delivery of items. PERALTA would then pick up the packages from his address and subsequently pass them to a separate individual in Nogales, Arizona, who would then smuggle the items from the United States into Mexico. During a second interview of January 11, 2019, PERALTA admitted to purchasing and trafficking two Colt 38 caliber handguns and one Ceska Zbrojovka 9mm handgun from the United States to Mexico. Records from the firearm dealers confirm that PERALTA purchased these firearms in March 2016 and February 2017, respectively. PERALTA knew these items that were shipped to his residence as well as the handguns he purchased were to be taken from the United States to Mexico.</p>	
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) IN RELATION TO THE CHARGE: N/A	
DETENTION REQUESTED Being duly sworn, I declare that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT 
REVIEWED by AUSA Angela W. Woolridge 	OFFICIAL TITLE HSI Special Agent
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence.	
SIGNATURE OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE 	DATE January 14, 2019