

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
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for the

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Southern District of Texas

David J. Bradley, Clerk

United States of America )

v. )

Alexis R. Espinoza )

YOB: 1983 USC )

Case No. M-12-2645-M

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 of 11/09/12 in the county of Hidalgo in the Southern District of

Texas, the defendant violated Title 21 U. S. C. § 841, 846, 18 USC 2

, an offense described as follows:

Did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance that is approximately 9 kilograms of cocaine and did knowingly and intentionally conspire to possess with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine, a scheduled II controlled substance.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment

(X) Continued on the attached sheet.

Appraised by: [Signature]  
Ariston J. Aloniz  
AWA

[Signature]

Complainant's signature

Joseph Navarrette, HSI OPR Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

[Signature]

Judge's signature

Date: December 12, 2012

City and state: McAllen, Texas

Dorina Ramos, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

"Attachment"

On August 22, 2012, the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE), Office of Professional Responsibility, Harlingen, TX (OPR/Harlingen), received information in reference to Task Force Officer (TFO) Alexis Rigoberto ESPINOZA being involved with other law enforcement officer in stealing controlled substances.

On November 1, 2012, TFO ESPINOZA met with a confidential source and agreed to escort and scout for other law enforcement officers while a load of controlled substances would be transported. At the same time the confidential source paid TFO ESPINOZA \$1,500.00 as a down payment.

On November 2, 2012, OPR/Harlingen conducted an undercover operation where the confidential source drove a vehicle from McAllen, TX to Weslaco, TX. The confidential source told TFO ESPINOZA that a load of controlled substances would be transported. While the confidential source drove his/her vehicle, agents travelling in a different vehicle in fact were transporting approximately 9 kilograms of cocaine from McAllen to Weslaco. During the transport of the cocaine, agents saw TFO Espinoza and another co-conspirator driving in separate vehicles escorting the load of cocaine. Later that day, TFO ESPINOZA was paid another \$1,500.00, for a total of \$3,000.00.

On November 9, 2012, OPR/Harlingen conducted a similar operation where TFO ESPINOZA and a co-conspirator escorted another load of controlled substances from McAllen to Weslaco. For this escort TFO ESPINOZA was paid \$4,000.00.

On December 12, 2012, TFO ESPINOZA was interviewed and he admitted he in fact escorted these loads of controlled substances and that he was paid to do so.