

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Texas

United States of America
v.
Greibin Alexis PINOT DUARTE

Case No.

Defendant(s)

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 22, 2025 in the county of Duval in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

8 USC 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii),

Offense Description

Knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien had come to, entered, and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport and move and attempted to transport and move and conspired to transport and move such alien within the United States by means of transportation and otherwise in furtherance of such violation of law.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

Continued on Affidavit

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

/s/Arely G. Molina

Complainant's signature

Submitted by reliable electronic means per Fed.R.Crim.P. 4.1, Arely G. Molina sworn to and signature attested telephonically on November 25, 2025, at Laredo, Texas.

Diana Song Quiroga
DIANA SONG QUIROGA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

AFFIDAVIT

In support of Criminal Complaint

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On Saturday, November 22, 2025, A, U.S. Border Patrol Agent (BPA) was working my assigned duties at the United States Freer Border Patrol Checkpoint located at mile marker 43 on Highway 59, west of Freer, Texas in Webb County. (Zone 47.31) At approximately 12:30 A.M., a black in color tractor approached the primary lane, pulling a white in color trailer, bearing License Plate: TX 219C725 with one visible occupant being the driver. As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver extended a stack of papers out the window and immediately said, "Bananas", despite not being asked anything. The BPA introduced himself as Border Patrol Agent and began his immigration questioning on the driver, later identified as PINOT-Duarte, Greibin Alexis. The BPA took the stack of papers and asked the driver if he could step up onto the tractor steps to conduct his inspection of the cab, which he replied "yes, you can." PINOT DUARTE stated that he remembered the BPA from the week prior at this checkpoint. The BPA responded, "I don't think so; I wasn't here last week." PINOT-Duarte's statement was awfully suspicious because it was impossible for him to have seen the BPA last week, The BPA hasn't been assigned to the checkpoint for the past two months. The BPA asked PINOT-Duarte if there was anyone else accompanying him, PINOT-Duarte stated he was by himself. The BPA looked over the stack of papers and realized it was the bill of lading. The BPA proceeded to question PINOT-Duarte on the cargo of the trailer he was hauling while the BPA was inspecting the cab. PINOT-Duarte again stated that the trailer contained bananas. He then voluntarily stated he always comes through the checkpoint and has come through as recently as last week. The BPA asked PINOT-Duarte if he had a seal on the trailer. PINOT-Duarte stated he did. The BPA asked PINOT-Duarte for consent to break the seal on the trailer to inspect the contents of the trailer. PINOT-Duarte stated he rather not allow me to break the seal. Due to PINOT-Duarte's nervous behavior, the way he continued to volunteer non pertinent information, repeatedly stating that he was transporting bananas despite not being asked. The BPA's suspicion arose further when he tried gaining consent to visually inspect the contents of the trailer, and PINOT-Duarte stated he rather I did not in an almost defeated posture. Before the BPA could request a BPA Service Canine(BPAK-9), he observed a BPA K-9 already performing a non-intrusive free air sniff of the trailer. The BPA observed the service K9 was trying to go underneath the trailer. BPAK-9 conducted an exterior search of the vehicle and proceeded to walk towards the back of the tractor trailer. Once they approached the rear doors of the trailer K9 began to show alert behavior. At that point the BPAK-9 wanted to try and get the attention of the primary agent, so he proceeded to make his way to the front of the tractor. While the BPAK-9 was walking towards the front of the tractor, he noticed his assigned K9 drafting underneath the trailer and alerted to the presence of concealed humans and/or narcotics. The BPAK-9 made his way to the primary agent and advised him that his K9 alerted, and he wanted to break the seal for further investigation. After being advised by the BPAK-9 to secondary the tractor trailer, the BPA asked PINOT-Duarte for any form of identification. PINOT-Duarte handed me a Honduran passport. The BPA asked again if PINOT-Duarte if he had any other documentation with him. PINOT-Duarte stated he did not. The BPA advised the PINOT-Duarte to proceeded to drive towards the secondary inspection lanes for further investigation. The BPA advised agents located at the secondary inspection lane of the K9 alert and that PINOT-Duarte did not hand me any legal documentation to remain in the United States. I asked BPA Elizondo to perform and immigration inspection on PINOT-Duarte as well.

Once in secondary, The BPAK-9 broke the seal of the trailer and began his inspection inside the trailer. The BPAK-9 observed many rows of boxes but could not tell the content of the boxes. The BPAK-9 advised other BPAs to climb the boxes and inspect further inside. The BPAs noted that the refrigeration equipment on the trailer showed 55 degrees Fahrenheit. While climbing through the contents of the boxes and checking the spaces in between the agents advised they saw what appeared to be concealed humans. Utilizing a flashlight, BPAs observed what appeared to be a silhouette of a human underneath a plywood compartment underneath boxes of produce. BPAs began to lift the boxes of produce and observed a false compartment constructed of wood. BPAs then lifted a small sheet of plywood, and utilizing their flashlight, observed multiple subjects concealing themselves in this compartment. One of the BPAs utilized his handheld service radio and advised agents at the checkpoint of the failed human smuggling event. The BPAK-9 advised a BPA who was with the Pinot Duarte at the time to the arrest of the driver. As BPA Elizondo took a closer look at the concealed subjects, he noticed many of them did not have jackets, or other means to stay

warm. Several of the subjects were visibly shivering as they attempted to use a few blankets to stay warm. The BPAs were able to visibly see the subjects exhale due to how cold it was in the compartment. The BPAs asked the subjects if they were ok. Several subjects said their legs were either numb or cramping, and that they just wanted to get out due to the cold temperature. One subject advised the BPAs, that he felt as if he was in this cramped compartment for several hours. One of BPAs then lowered himself into this compartment and noticed he could barely kneel upright due to the cramped nature of the way the compartment was constructed. The BPA then noticed how the subjects were packed in there very tightly. The BPA advised the subjects to exit the compartment one at a time. Many of the subjects required help due to the cramped space of the compartment and the subjects legs being numb. The BPA asked the subjects if there was an easier way to have them exit. One of the subjects stated this was the only way out. The BPA asked if they would have been able to get out on their own. A female subject then began to cry, they could not have gotten out alone, as if fully understanding the dire situation she was placed in. The BPA began to move more boxes of produce, he estimated each box weighed approximately 30-40 pounds. Multiple boxes placed on the exit, would have been nearly impossible to shoulder press this small piece of plywood straight up and clear the other boxes of produce. The BPA also noticed the exit was barely big enough to have one person exit at a time. The BPAs assisted every single subject out of this compartment and out of the trailer to conduct immigration inspections once all subjects were out of the cold and in a safe space.

A total of 51 illegal aliens including 2 juveniles were discovered inside a hidden compartment of the trailer attached to the tractor. All subjects each freely admitted to being illegally present; without the proper immigration documentation to be in or remain in the United States legally. All subjects were placed under arrest and taken to the Hebbronville Border Patrol Checkpoint for further processing.

Upon further investigation, it was discovered the trailer load and manifest were fictitious in nature. Due to the fabricated manifest and bogus trailer load, an inquiry was conducted on the route the tractor trailer took before arriving at the checkpoint. It was discovered the trailer loaded up somewhere in the Rio Grande Valley, Possibly the McAllen, Texas area. The normal route for a tractor trailer load coming from the McAllen area would be through Highway (HWY) 281 through Falfurrias, Texas. This tractor traveled from the Rio Grande Valley surrounding area up to HWY 83 through Zapata, Texas, passed HWY 16 and kept traveling north to Laredo, Texas. This route would not only consume more fuel but add a lot of time for a tractor trailer driver. The tractor then drove through Laredo, Texas and along HWY 59. It was also discovered PINOT-Duarte does not have a work visa or work authorization to legally work in the United States. PINOT-Duarte also does not have a valid Commercial Driver's License or a State Driver's License. PINOT-Duarte not having the proper training to operate a tractor trailer possibly further endangered the subjects who were trapped in this hidden compartment.

PRINCIPAL STATEMENT SYNOPSIS:

Greibin Alexis PINOT-Duarte stated on November 21, 2025, that he got a ride from a gas station in Houston, Texas to another gas station in McAllen, Texas. PINOT-Duarte stated he was contacted by phone and offered \$1,500 U.S. dollars to drive a tractor from McAllen, Texas to Houston, Texas and leave the truck at a gas station in Houston on Highway 90. PINOT-Duarte stated he picked up the tractor trailer in McAllen, Texas and the keys were left inside for him. PINOT-Duarte stated it was not his first time he was contacted to drive a tractor trailer and he had done it a week prior on November 15, 2025 using the same tractor trailer while transporting lettuce to Houston, Texas, and was paid in cash after he delivered the truck to its destination. PINOT-Duarte consented to have his cell phone reviewed which yielded contact information from the facilitator regarding his route of travel.

MATERIAL WITNESS STATEMENT SYNOPSIS:

On 11/22/2025 a Custodial interview was held with Mario Francisco MORALES-RIVERA regarding recent events prior to the failed smuggling attempt. Miranda Rights were explained to MORALES-RIVERA, in which he understood and agreed to participate with questioning. MORALES-RIVERA stated that he crossed the Rio Grande River near the city of McAllen Texas and his intended destination was Houston, Texas. When asked how much he paid for his travel into the United States, he stated that a friend paid \$14,000 USD for travel to the United States and he was to pay off the debt once he started working. MORALES-RIVERA stated he and four others were picked up by a unknown color 4 door Silverado pickup truck. He stated he was in the passenger seat, and the other 3 subjects were in the back seat. He reported that they traveled on Highway 83. MORALES-RIVERA stated they traveled for approximately 15 minutes and were taken to a house near a soccer field. Subject stated he remembered that the GPS on the driver's phone showed the house near Jackson Ave and 23rd Street. Once he arrived at the house, he noticed that a total of 23 other subjects were held in the house. MORALES-RIVERA stated that he and 16 other subjects were transported in a white transit van with no seats, he further described the van to have window cages. MORALES-RIVERA reported that they were taken to a property that had an open field, where they were loaded into an 18-Wheeler and traveled to the point of apprehension.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me on

25th

day of

November, 2025

Signature of Judicial Officer

/S/ Molina, Arely G. Border Patrol Agent

Signature of Complainant