

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

for the

Western District of Texas

BY: Myrna Gallegos  
DEPUTY

United States of America  
v.  
CORONA-Montano, Luis Francisco

Case No. **EP-24-MJ-** 1922 **-ATB**

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 05/06/2024 in the county of El Paso in the  
Western District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section*

*Offense Description*

8:1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (a)(1)(B)(ii)

knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien has come to, entered, and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport, move, and attempt to transport and move such alien within the United States in furtherance of said violation of law.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attachment.

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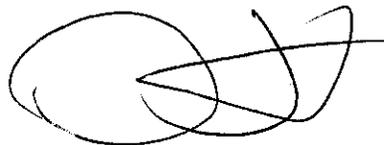
Complainant's signature

Aaron Dozal, Border Patrol Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 05/08/2024



Judge's signature

City and state: El Paso, Texas

ANNE T. BERTON, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Complaint sworn to telephonically on  
May 08, 2024 at 1:02 PM and signed  
electronically. **FED.R.CRIM.P. 4.1(b)(2)(A)**

**CONTINUATION OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

**WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

Luis Francisco CORONA-Montano

PEPT# PEPT240500095

05/08/2024

**FACTS (CONTINUED)**

On May 6, 2024, A Border Patrol Agent assigned to line-watch duties near Fort Hancock, Texas was on foot and conducting surveillance operations on a hill near the intersection of FM-34 and FM-192. At approximately 2:28 p.m., the agent observed a group of six suspected illegal aliens walking through desert brush towards FM-192. The group was observed hiding behind a brush line, and at approximately 2:30 p.m., the agent observed a black in color Range Rover approach the area and come to a stop. Shortly thereafter, the group of suspected illegal aliens emerged from the desert brush and boarded into the Range Rover. The driver of the Range Rover proceeded to drive west on FM-192 towards FM-2217 and I-10. Agents began following the Range Rover and observed a female exit the rear passenger door of the Range Rover and roll on the ground, as the vehicle was still in motion. Border Patrol Agents stopped to render aid and identified her as an unaccompanied minor from Mexico, illegally present in the U.S.

BPA activated their emergency lights and sirens to initiate an investigatory stop, but the vehicle continued traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to yield. As the Range Rover turned eastbound to merge on I-10 at MM 81, agents observed another female exit the rear passenger door of the Range Rover as the vehicle was still in motion. A Border Patrol Agent/certified paramedic stopped to render aid. The female was later identified as an illegal alien from Mexico as well.

As the Range Rover proceeded westbound on I-10 the Texas Department of Public Safety (TX DPS) was notified. At this time, a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent was also able to take a picture of the driver during the pursuit, wearing a white t-shirt with the letters KC printed on the shirt. TX DPS responded to the area and successfully deployed a controlled tire deflation device to deflate the tire(s) of the Range Rover. The Range Rover continued westbound on I-10 and exited at Horizon Blvd. All occupants of the vehicle exited and attempted to abscond, near the intersection of Horizon Blvd and Burt Rd in El Paso, located in the Western District of Texas. TX DPS Troopers arrested the driver, Luis Francisco CORONA-Montano herein referred as the DEFENDANT in this case, and three individuals.

Agents arrived on scene and identified themselves as U.S. Border Patrol. All four individuals, to include the DEFENDANT, were identified as illegal aliens. The DEFENDANT, three (3) illegal aliens at the scene of the stop, and two (2) illegal aliens that had exited the vehicle, were all taken into custody and transferred to the Fort Hancock Border Patrol Station for further investigation.

Once at the station, the DEFENDANT was advised of his rights in the Spanish language. In a post Miranda statement, the DEFENDANT stated that he received a phone call to his cellular phone device instructing him to pick up a group. The DEFENDANT stated that he arrived and stopped at that location.

Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause as set forth herein, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation.

**CONTINUATION OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**Luis Francisco CORONA-Montano**

**PEPT# PEPT240500095**

**05/08/2024**

**FACTS (CONTINUED)**

**Immigration History:**

**The DEFENDANT has been removed 7 times, the last one being to Mexico on January 25, 2024, through Nogales, AZ**

**Criminal History:**

**10/30/2009, USDC TUCSON, AZ, 21 USC 844(M), CNV, 30 DAYS PRISON.**

**10/08/2015, USDC ALBUQUERQUE, NM, 8 USC 1326(F), CNV, 39 DAYS PRISON.**

**11/06/2017, USDC TUCSON, AZ, 8 USC 1325(M), CNV, 180 DAYS PRISON.**

**07/22/2020, USDC TUCSON, AZ, 8 USC 1326(F), CNV, 145 DAYS PRISON, 36 MOS SR.**