U.S. District Court
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (Houston)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 4:24-cr-00639-1

Case title: USA v. Silva

Date Filed: 12/17/2024

Assigned to: Judge George C Hanks, Jr

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Pending Counts

Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud [18 USC § 1349]
(1)

CONSPIRACY
(1s)

Disposition

Defendant is sentenced to the custody of the BOP for a term of 60 months. Upon release from

	imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for 3 years. No fine imposed. Defendant is ORDERED to pay restitution in the amount of $1,450,555.01.
Mail Fraud [18 USC § 1341 and 2] (2-4) Wire Fraud [18 USC § 1343 and 2] (5-7) Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Criminally Derived Property [18 USC § 1957 and 2] (8-10)	

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Felony

Terminated Counts	**Disposition**
None	

Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

Complaints	**Disposition**
None	

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/08/2026	62	NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL as to Jesus Carlos Silva (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 01/13/2026)
01/08/2026	61	ORDER REGARDING GPS REMOVAL as to Jesus Carlos Silva (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 01/13/2026)
01/08/2026	60	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge George C Hanks, Jr: Sentencing held on 1/8/2026 for Jesus Carlos Silva (1) as to Count 1s. Court makes oral rulings. Victim impact statement made by Lisa Marquardt. Defendant is sentenced to the custody of the BOP for a term of 60 months. Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for 3 years. No fine imposed. Defendant is ORDERED to pay restitution in the amount of $1,450,555.01 and a special assessment of $100. Defendant notified of his right to appeal. The Court allows the defendant to voluntarily surrender and to be released from GPS

		supervision no more than 24 hours before his surrender date from BOP. Appearances: Bradley Roy Gray, Tatiana Patricia Obando.(ERO:Yes) (Interpreter:No) Deft continued on bond, filed. (knp4) (Entered: 01/09/2026)
01/05/2026	59	Revised Confidential Sentencing Recommendation(Sealed) regarding Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (mw4) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
01/05/2026	58	Second Sealed Addendum to 55 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (mw4) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
01/05/2026	57	Sealed Attachment to 55 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (mw4) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
01/05/2026	56	Sealed Attachment to 55 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (mw4) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
01/05/2026	55	Revised Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (mw4) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
12/29/2025	54	NOTICE OF RESETTING as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Sentencing set for 1/8/2026 at 10:30 AM in Courtroom 600 in Houston before Judge George C Hanks Jr, filed. (knp4) (Entered: 12/29/2025)
12/23/2025	53	Objection to Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Entered: 12/23/2025)
12/23/2025	52	Sealed Event, filed. (With attachments) (Entered: 12/23/2025)
12/22/2025	51	Sealed Order granting 50 Sealed Event, filed. (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/09/2025	50	Sealed Event, filed. (With attachments) (Entered: 12/09/2025)
11/25/2025	49	Sealed Order re: 48 Sealed Event., filed. (Entered: 11/25/2025)
11/24/2025	48	Sealed Event, filed. (Entered: 11/24/2025)
11/13/2025	47	ORDER granting 41 Motion to Continue Sentencing as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1) Sentencing set for 1/6/2026 at 01:30 PM in Courtroom 600 in Houston before Judge George C Hanks Jr.(Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr.) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 11/13/2025)
11/05/2025	46	Confidential Sentencing Recommendation(Sealed) regarding Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (cjs4) (Entered: 11/05/2025)
11/05/2025	45	Sealed Addendum to 42 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (cjs4) (Entered: 11/05/2025)
11/05/2025	44	Sealed Attachment to 42 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (cjs4) (Entered: 11/05/2025)
11/05/2025	43	Sealed Attachment to 42 Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (cjs4) (Entered: 11/05/2025)

11/05/2025	42	Final Presentence Investigation Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (cjs4) (Entered: 11/05/2025)
11/04/2025	41	Unopposed MOTION to Continue Sentencing Date by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Obando, Tatiana) (Entered: 11/04/2025)
10/30/2025	40	Statement of No Objections to PSR (Sealed) by USA as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Entered: 10/30/2025)
10/15/2025	39	Attorney Only Document (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva. NOTICE: Document available to applicable parties only. Authorized users enter CM/ECF Filer login and password first for authentication. Be sure to **SAVE** the attached documents locally at the time of viewing. (Main Doc: Initial PSR) (Attachments: # 1 Attachment 1 to PSR) (kh4) (Entered: 10/15/2025)
08/20/2025	38	ORDER granting 36 Motion to Continue Sentencing as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1) Final PSI due by 11/12/2025 Objection to PSI due by 10/29/2025 PSI Completion due by 10/15/2025 Sentencing set for 11/19/2025 at 11:00 AM in Courtroom 600 in Houston before Judge George C Hanks Jr.(Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr.) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 08/20/2025)
08/15/2025	37	ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - Guilty Plea as to Jesus Carlos Silva re: 33 Report and Recommendation - Guilty Plea (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified.. (Entered: 08/15/2025)
08/13/2025	36	Unopposed MOTION to Continue All Sentencing Dates by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Obando, Tatiana) (Entered: 08/13/2025)
07/09/2025	34	ORDER for Presentence Investigation and Disclosure & Sentencing Dates as to Jesus Carlos Silva. PSI Completion due by 8/18/2025 Objection to PSI due by 9/2/2025 Final PSI due by 9/16/2025 Sentencing set for 9/22/2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 9C before Judge George C Hanks Jr (Signed by Magistrate Judge Peter Bray) Parties notified. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)
07/09/2025	33	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION - Guilty Plea as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Objections to R&R due by 7/23/2025 (Signed by Magistrate Judge Peter Bray) Parties notified. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)
07/09/2025	32	PLEA AGREEMENT as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)
07/09/2025	31	SENTENCING DATA SHEET by USA as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)

07/09/2025	30	Consent to Administration of Guilty Plea and Fed.R.Crim.P. 11 Allocution by United States Magistrate Judge by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)
07/09/2025		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Peter Bray: RE-ARRAIGNMENT held on 7/9/2025. Jesus Carlos Silva (1) Guilty Count 1s. Appearances:Heather Winter. Tatiana Patricia Obando.(ERO:Yes) (Interpreter:no) Deft continued on bond, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/09/2025)
07/03/2025	29	NOTICE OF SETTING as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Re-Arraignment set for 7/9/2025 at 01:30 PM in Courtroom 703 before Magistrate Judge Peter Bray, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 07/03/2025)
07/02/2025	28	ORDER REFERRING CASE to Magistrate Judge Peter Bray as to Jesus Carlos Silva for the purpose of administering the plea of guilty, subject to final approval and imposition of sentence by this Court. (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 07/02/2025)
06/24/2025	27	WAIVER OF INDICTMENT by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 06/24/2025)
06/24/2025		ARRAIGNMENT Minute Entry for proceedings held on 6/24/2025 before Magistrate Judge Peter Bray as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1). Defendant enters a plea of Not Guilty on Superseding Count(s) (s) 1,1s,2-4,5-7,8-10. Defendant appeared with counsel. Waiver of Indictment executed, Scheduling order already in place. Appearances: AUSA Jennifer Stabe for USA.(ERO:Yes) (Interpreter: No) (Pretrial Officer: Yes) Defendant continued on bond, filed. (jmm4) (Entered: 06/24/2025)
06/17/2025	26	NOTICE OF SETTING as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Arraignment set for 6/24/2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 703 before Magistrate Judge Peter Bray, filed. (glk4) (Entered: 06/17/2025)
06/17/2025	25	ORDER for Issuance of Notice as to Jesus Carlos Silva (Signed by Magistrate Judge Christina A Bryan) Parties notified. (glk4) (Entered: 06/17/2025)
06/17/2025	24	US Attys Criminal Docket Sheet as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (glk4) (Entered: 06/17/2025)
06/17/2025	23	SUPERSEDING INFORMATION as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1) count(s) 1s, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Waiver) (glk4) (Entered: 06/17/2025)
06/05/2025		US ATTORNEY'S NOTICE OF APPEARANCE. Bradley Roy Gray appearing for USA, filed. (Gray, Bradley) (Entered: 06/05/2025)
04/01/2025	22	ORDER TO CONTINUE - Interest of Justice as to Jesus Carlos Silva; granting 21 Unopposed MOTION to Continue All Dates (Dispositive Motion Filing due by 6/20/2025., Responses due by 6/30/2025., Jury Trial set for 7/21/2025 at 01:30 PM in Courtroom 9C before Judge George C

		Hanks Jr, Pretrial Conference set for 7/14/2025 at 09:30 AM in Courtroom 9C before Judge George C Hanks Jr) (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 04/01/2025)
03/31/2025	21	Unopposed MOTION to Continue All Dates by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Obando, Tatiana) (Entered: 03/31/2025)
01/22/2025	20	ORDER TO CONTINUE - Interest of Justice as to Jesus Carlos Silva; granting 17 Unopposed MOTION to Continue All Dates (Motion Filing due by 3/28/2025., Responses due by 4/7/2025., Jury Trial set for 4/28/2025 at 01:30 PM in Courtroom 9C before Judge George C Hanks Jr, Pretrial Conference set for 4/21/2025 at 09:30 AM in Courtroom 9C before Judge George C Hanks Jr) (Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 01/22/2025)
01/17/2025	19	ORDER granting 16 Motion for Protective Order as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1).(Signed by Judge George C Hanks, Jr.) Parties notified. (knp4) (Entered: 01/17/2025)
01/16/2025	18	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Rodolfo Ramirez appearing for USA , filed. (Ramirez, Rodolfo) (Entered: 01/16/2025)
01/10/2025	17	Unopposed MOTION to Continue All Dates by Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Obando, Tatiana) (Entered: 01/10/2025)
01/08/2025	16	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order by USA as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Feinstein, Jessica) (Entered: 01/08/2025)
12/30/2024	15	Arrest Warrant issued 12/18/2024; Returned Executed on 12/19/2024 as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Defendant was arrested in Houston, Texas. Document restricted from PACER under privacy policy., filed. (pns4) (Entered: 12/30/2024)
12/20/2024		NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Tatiana Patricia Obando, Federal Public Defender, in case as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (Obando, Tatiana) (Entered: 12/20/2024)
12/20/2024	13	Pretrial Services Report (Sealed) as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (gjg3) (Entered: 12/20/2024)
12/19/2024	14	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to Jesus Carlos Silva. (Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho) (Attachments: # 1 Unredacted) Parties notified. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/20/2024)
12/19/2024	12	75,000 Unsecured Appearance Bond Entered as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/20/2024)
12/19/2024	11	SCHEDULING ORDER as to Jesus Carlos Silva. ETT: 5. Speedy Trial Limits Waived? No. Motion filing due by 12/30/2024. Responses due by

		1/7/2025. Proposed voir dire and charge to be filed by. Pretrial Conference set for 1/24/2025 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom 9C in Houston before Judge George C Hanks Jr. Jury Selection and Trial set for 2/3/2025 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 9C in Houston before Judge George C Hanks Jr. (Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho) Parties notified. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024	10	BRADY ORDER on Rule 5(f) as to Jesus Carlos Silva. (Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho) Parties notified. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024	9	ORDER APPOINTING FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER as to Jesus Carlos Silva. (Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho) Parties notified. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024		Minute Entry for proceedings held on 12/19/2024 before Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho INITIAL APPEARANCE as to Jesus Carlos Silva (Defendant informed of rights). ARRAIGNMENT as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1). Defendant enters a plea of Not Guilty on Count(s) 1,2-4,5-7,8-10. Defendant requests appointed counsel, Financial Affidavit executed on the record, Defendant appeared with counsel. Order appointing FPD to be entered, Bond set, 75,000 Unsecured, Defendant advised of conditions of release, Defendant to be released after bond perfected, Scheduling order to be issued,. Court grants oral motion to unseal indictment. Appearances: AUSA Jessica Feinstein for USA; AFPD Heather Hughes for Defendant.(ERO:Yes) (Interpreter: No) (Pretrial Officer: Sabrina Delgado) Bond executed and deft to be released, filed. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024		Arrest of Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (rlw4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024	8	NOTICE OF SETTING as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Initial Appearance set for 12/19/2024 at 02:00 PM in Courtroom 704 before Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho, filed. (abb4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024		Case unsealed as to Jesus Carlos Silva (abb4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024	7	Arrest Warrant issued 12/18/2024; Returned Executed on 12/19/2024 as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Defendant was arrested in Houston, TX. Document restricted from PACER under privacy policy., filed. (abb4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/19/2024		Arrest of Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (abb4) (Entered: 12/19/2024)
12/17/2024	5	ORDER for Issuance of Bench Warrant as to Jesus Carlos Silva (Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho) Parties notified. (abb4) (Main Document 5 replaced on 12/18/2024) (abb4). (Entered: 12/18/2024)
12/17/2024	4	ORDER granting 3 Motion to Seal Indictment as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1).(Signed by Magistrate Judge Yvonne Y Ho.) Parties notified. (abb4) (Entered: 12/18/2024)

12/17/2024	3	MOTION to Seal Indictment by USA as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (abb4) (Entered: 12/18/2024)
12/17/2024	2	US Attys Criminal Docket Sheet as to Jesus Carlos Silva, filed. (abb4) (Entered: 12/18/2024)
12/17/2024	1	INDICTMENT (The original indictment with the signature of the grand jury foreperson is on file under seal with the clerk) as to Jesus Carlos Silva (1) count(s) 1, 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, filed. (Attachments: # 1 Unredacted attachment Indictment) (abb4) (Entered: 12/18/2024)
12/17/2024		Judge update in case as to Jesus Carlos Silva. Judge George C Hanks, Jr added. (abb4) (Entered: 12/18/2024)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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v.	§	**CRIMINAL NO. 4:24-CR-00639**
	§	
JESUS CARLOS SILVA,	§	
Defendant.	§	

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States of America, by and through Nicholas J. Ganjei, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and Jessica Feinstein and Rodolfo Ramirez, Assistant United States Attorneys, and the defendant, Jesus Carlos Silva ("Defendant"), and Defendant's counsel, pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(A) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, state that they have entered into an agreement, the terms and conditions of which are as follows:

Defendant's Agreement

1. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count One of the Information. Count One charges the Defendant with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. Defendant, by entering this plea, agrees that he is waiving any right to have the facts that the law makes essential to the punishment either charged in the Information, or proved to a jury or proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Punishment Range

2. The **statutory** maximum penalty for each violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, is imprisonment of not more than 5 years and a fine of not more than $250,000, or twice the "gross gain or twice the gross loss" that resulted from the offense, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3571(d). Additionally, Defendant may receive a term of supervised release after imprisonment of not more than 3 years. *See* Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3559(a)(4) and 3583(b)(2).

Defendant acknowledges and understands that if he should violate the conditions of any period of supervised release which may be imposed as part of his sentence, then Defendant may be imprisoned for not more than 2 years, without credit for time already served on the term of supervised release prior to such violation. *See* Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3559(a)(4) and 3583(e)(3). Defendant understands that sentences on multiple counts may be imposed to run consecutively to one another or to any other sentence. Defendant understands that he cannot have the imposition or execution of the sentence suspended, nor is he eligible for parole.

Mandatory Special Assessment

3. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013(a)(2)(A), immediately after sentencing, Defendant will pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court a special assessment in the amount of one hundred dollars ($100.00) per count of conviction. The payment will be by cashier's check or money order, payable to the Clerk of the United States District Court, c/o District Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas 77208, Attention: Finance.

Immigration Consequences

4. Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to his immigration status. Defendant understands that if he is not a citizen of the United States, by pleading guilty he may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied admission to the United States in the future. Defendant understands that if he is a naturalized United States citizen, pleading guilty may result in immigration consequences, such as denaturalization and potential deportation or removal from the United States. Defendant's attorney has advised Defendant of the potential immigration consequences resulting from Defendant's plea

of guilty, and Defendant affirms that he wants to plead guilty regardless of any immigration consequences that may result from the guilty plea and conviction.

Waiver of Appeal, Collateral Review, and Statute of Limitations

5. Defendant is aware that Title 28, United States Code, Section 1291, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742, afford a defendant the right to appeal the conviction and sentence imposed. Defendant is also aware that Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255, affords the right to contest or "collaterally attack" a conviction or sentence after the judgment of conviction and sentence has become final. Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to appeal or "collaterally attack" the conviction and sentence, except that Defendant does not waive the right to raise a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel on direct appeal, if otherwise permitted, or on collateral review in a motion under Title 28, United States Code, Section 2255. In the event Defendant files a notice of appeal following the imposition of the sentence or later collaterally attacks his conviction or sentence, the United States will assert its rights under this agreement and seek specific performance of these waivers.

6. Defendant also agrees that should the conviction following the defendant's plea of guilty pursuant to this Agreement be vacated for any reason, then any prosecution that is not time-barred by the applicable statute of limitations on the date of the signing of this agreement (including any counts that the United States has agreed to dismiss at sentencing pursuant to this Agreement) may be commenced or reinstated against the defendant, notwithstanding the expiration of the statute of limitations between the signing of this Agreement and the commencement or reinstatement of such prosecution. It is the intent of this Agreement to waive

all defenses based on the statute of limitations with respect to any prosecution that is not time-barred on the date that this Agreement is signed.

7. In agreeing to these waivers, Defendant is aware that a sentence has not yet been determined by the Court. Defendant is also aware that any estimate of the possible sentencing range under the sentencing guidelines that he may have received from his counsel, the United States or the Probation Office, is a prediction and not a promise, did not induce his guilty plea, and is not binding on the United States, the Probation Office or the Court. The United States does not make any promise or representation concerning what sentence the defendant will receive. Defendant further understands and agrees that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are "effectively advisory" to the Court. *See United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005). Accordingly, Defendant understands that, although the Court must consult the Sentencing Guidelines and must take them into account when sentencing Defendant, the Court is not bound to follow the Sentencing Guidelines nor sentence Defendant within the calculated guideline range.

8. Defendant understands and agrees that each and all waivers contained in the Agreement are made in exchange for the concessions made by the United States in this plea agreement.

The United States' Agreements

9. The United States agrees to each of the following:

(a) If Defendant pleads guilty to Count One of the Information and persists in that plea through sentencing, and if the Court accepts this plea agreement, the United States will move to dismiss any remaining counts of the Indictment at the time of sentencing. The defendant agrees that with respect to any and all dismissed charges he is not a 'prevailing party within the meaning of the 'Hyde Amendment,' Section 617, P.L. 105-119 (Nov. 26, 1997), and will not file any claim under that law; and

a.1. The U.S. will not bring any other charges arising from the count in the Indictment or Information. HW T.P.O.

(b) If the Court determines that Defendant qualifies for an adjustment under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(a), and the offense level prior to operation of § 3E1.1(a) is 16 or greater, the United States will move under § 3E1.1(b) for an additional one-level reduction because Defendant timely notified authorities of his or his intent to plead guilty, thereby permitting the United States to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the United States and the Court to allocate their resources more efficiently.

Agreement Binding - Southern District of Texas Only

10. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas agrees that it will not further criminally prosecute Defendant in the Southern District of Texas for the specific conduct described in Indictment 4:24 Cr. 639. This plea agreement binds only the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas and Defendant. It does not bind any other United States Attorney's Office. The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas will bring this plea agreement and the full extent of Defendant's cooperation to the attention of other prosecuting offices, if requested.

United States' Non-Waiver of Appeal

11. The United States reserves the right to carry out its responsibilities under guidelines sentencing. Specifically, the United States reserves the right:

(a) to bring the facts of this case, including evidence in the files of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas or the files of any investigative agency, to the attention of the Probation Office in connection with that office's preparation of a presentence report;

(b) to set forth or dispute sentencing factors or facts material to sentencing;

(c) to seek resolution of such factors or facts in conference with Defendant's counsel and the Probation Office;

(d) to file a pleading relating to these issues, in accordance with section 6A1.2 of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a); and

(e) to appeal the sentence imposed or the manner in which it was determined.

Sentence Determination

12. Defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed after consideration of the United States Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements, which are only advisory, as well as the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3553(a). Defendant nonetheless acknowledges and agrees that the Court has authority to impose any sentence up to and including the statutory maximum set for the offense to which Defendant pleads guilty, and that the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge after the Court has consulted the applicable Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant understands and agrees that the parties' positions regarding the application of the Sentencing Guidelines do not bind the Court and that the sentence imposed is within the discretion of the sentencing judge. If the Court should impose any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, or should the Court order any or all of the sentences imposed to run consecutively, Defendant cannot, for that reason alone, withdraw a guilty plea, and will remain bound to fulfill all of the obligations under this plea agreement.

Rights at Trial

13. Defendant understands that by entering into this agreement, he surrenders certain rights as provided in this plea agreement. Defendant understands that the rights of a defendant include the following:

(a) If Defendant persisted in a plea of not guilty to the charges, defendant would have the right to a speedy jury trial with the assistance of counsel. The trial may be conducted by a judge sitting without a jury if Defendant, the United States, and the court all agree.

(b) At a trial, the United States would be required to present witnesses and other evidence against Defendant. Defendant would have the opportunity to confront those witnesses and his attorney would be allowed to cross-examine them. In turn, Defendant could, but would not be required to, present witnesses and other evidence on his own behalf. If the witnesses for Defendant would not appear voluntarily, he could require their attendance through the subpoena power of the court; and

(c) At a trial, Defendant could rely on a privilege against self-incrimination and decline to testify, and no inference of guilt could be drawn from such refusal to testify. However, if Defendant desired to do so, he could testify on his own behalf.

Factual Basis for Guilty Plea

14. Defendant is pleading guilty because he is in fact guilty of the charges contained in Count One of the Information. If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States could prove each element of the offense beyond a reasonable doubt. The following facts, among others would be offered to establish Defendant's guilt:

From in or about March 2022, through in or about December 2024, the Defendant entered into an agreement with others to defraud immigrants to the United States. As part of the conspiracy, the Defendant, who lived in Houston, pretended to be an attorney affiliated with a Houston-based law firm. He falsely promised the victims that he could help them obtain U.S. citizenship and/or other legal immigration status. The Defendant charged the victims thousands

of dollars per person for his assistance with their immigration cases. The Defendant's false promises induced the victims to send him checks and money orders to addresses in Houston; he also communicated about the scheme with his co-conspirators and the victims over cellphone. The Defendant did not actually assist the victims, and he never returned their money. During the conspiracy, the Defendant defrauded over 100 victims, most of whom lived in Houston, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

Breach of Plea Agreement

15. If Defendant should fail in any way to fulfill completely all of the obligations under this plea agreement, the United States will be released from its obligations under the plea agreement, and Defendant's plea and sentence will stand. If at any time Defendant retains, conceals, or disposes of assets in violation of this plea agreement, including required financial information, or if Defendant knowingly withholds evidence or is otherwise not completely truthful with the United States, then the United States may move the Court to set aside the guilty plea and reinstate prosecution. Any information and documents that have been disclosed by Defendant, whether prior to or subsequent to this plea agreement, and all leads derived therefrom, will be used against defendant in any prosecution.

Monetary Penalties, Assets and Financial Disclosures

16. Defendant understands and agrees that monetary penalties will be subject to immediate enforcement as provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3613 and that monetary penalties will be submitted to the Treasury Offset Program so that payments to the Defendant may be applied to federal debts.

17. Defendant understands that restitution, forfeiture, and fines are separate components of sentencing and are separate obligations. Defendant agrees to take all steps necessary to pass clear title to forfeitable assets to the United States and to assist fully in the collection of restitution and fines. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 7 above, Defendant waives the right to challenge in any manner, including by direct appeal or in a collateral proceeding, any restitution order, any forfeiture orders, and any fines.

Restitution

18. Defendant agrees to pay full restitution to the victim(s) regardless of the counts of conviction. Defendant agrees to pay full restitution as determined by the Court, regardless of the resulting loss amount, to all victims harmed by Defendant's "relevant conduct," as defined by U.S.S.G. §1B1.3, including conduct pertaining to any dismissed counts or uncharged conduct, and regardless of whether such conduct constitutes an "offense" under 18 U.S.C. §§ 2259, 3663 or 3663A. Defendant agrees that restitution imposed by the Court will be due and payable immediately and that should the Court impose a payment schedule, the payment schedule sets forth minimum payments and does not foreclose additional collection of restitution.

Forfeiture

19. As part of this plea agreement, Defendant agrees to the following:

(a) to forfeit, via either an administrative or judicial proceeding, all assets listed in the charging document (including any Supplemental Notice of Forfeiture), and to forfeit or abandon any assets seized during this investigation or a related;

(b) to withdraw any claims and petitions for such listed or seized assets, whether in this proceeding or another proceeding, and to waive notice of administrative proceedings (including forfeiture, destruction, and abandonment for seized property);

(c) that approximately $1,450,555 was involved in the criminal offense, that the factual basis for the guilty plea supports the imposition of a money judgment in that amount, and that the Defendant agrees to the imposition of a money judgment in that amount;

(d) that one or more of the conditions set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p) exists, so that the forfeiture money judgment may be immediately satisfied via forfeiture of substitute property; and

(e) to the order of forfeiture becoming final as to Defendant immediately following this guilty plea or immediately following entry of the forfeiture order, whichever applies.

Financial Statement

20. Defendant agrees to truthfully complete under penalty of perjury, within thirty days of the execution of this Plea Agreement, a financial statement on a form provided by the United States Attorney's Office and to update the statement within seven days of any material change. Defendant also agrees to make full disclosure to the United States Probation Office of all current and anticipated assets in which Defendant has an interest both before sentencing and again before termination of supervised release or probation, with such disclosures to be shared with the United States Attorney's Office.

21. Defendant further agrees not to dispose or transfer any assets without the prior written permission of the United States and to authorize the release of all financial information requested by the United States, including, but not limited to, credit histories and tax returns. Defendant agrees to discuss and answer any questions by the United States relating to Defendant's financial disclosure, including in a deposition or informal debtor exam, whether before or after sentencing.

Complete Agreement

22. This written plea agreement, consisting of 13 pages, including the attached addendum of Defendant and his attorney, constitutes the complete plea agreement between the United States, Defendant, and Defendant's counsel. Other than any written proffer agreement(s) that may have

been entered into between the United States and Defendant, this agreement supersedes any prior understandings, promises, agreements, or conditions between the United States and Defendant. No additional understandings, promises, agreements, or conditions have been entered into other than those set forth in this agreement, and none will be entered into unless in writing and signed by all parties. Defendant acknowledges that no threats have been made against him and that he is pleading guilty freely and voluntarily because he is guilty.

23. Any modification of this plea agreement must be in writing and signed by all parties.

Filed at Houston, Texas, on July 9, 2025

Jesus Cano Sr.
Defendant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 9, 2025

NATHAN KYLE OCHSNER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT CLERK

By: _____
Deputy United States District Clerk

APPROVED:

Nicholas J. Ganjei
United States Attorney

By: _____
Assistant United States Attorney
Southern District of Texas

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Attorney for Defendant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
v.	§	**CRIMINAL NO. 4:24-CR-00639**
	§	
JESUS CARLOS SILVA,	§	
Defendant.	§	

PLEA AGREEMENT -- ADDENDUM

I have fully explained to Defendant his rights with respect to the pending Information. I have reviewed the provisions of the United States Sentencing Commission's Guidelines Manual and Policy Statements and I have fully and carefully explained to Defendant the provisions of those Guidelines which may apply in this case. I have also explained to Defendant that the Sentencing Guidelines are only advisory and the court may sentence Defendant up to the maximum allowed by statute per count of conviction. I have also explained to Defendant that sentences on multiple counts may be imposed to run consecutively to one another or to any other sentence. Further, I have carefully reviewed every part of this plea agreement with Defendant. To my knowledge, Defendant's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one.

Attorney for Defendant

07/09/2025
Date

I have consulted with my attorney and fully understand all my rights with respect to the Information pending against me. My attorney has fully explained, and I understand, all my rights with respect to the provisions of the United States Sentencing Commission's Guidelines Manual which may apply in my case. I have read and carefully reviewed every part of this plea agreement

with my attorney. I understand this agreement and I voluntarily agree to its terms.

Defendant

07/09/2025
Date

Sealed
Public and unofficial staff access to this instrument are prohibited by court order

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a/k/a "Carlos Silva,"	§	
	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

OVERVIEW OF SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

1. At various times material to this Indictment, defendant JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," the defendant, was a resident of Houston, Texas.

2. From in or about March 2022 through in or about December 2024, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," and others known and unknown to the grand jury, operated a scheme to defraud immigrants to the United States with the false promise that SILVA would help those immigrants obtain U.S. citizenship or other legal immigration status (the "Immigration Scheme"). The targets of the fraud were primarily Spanish-speaking immigrants living in Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, and Florida (the "Victims").

3. As part of the Immigration Scheme, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," made various material misrepresentations and false statements to Victims in order to induce Victims to pay thousands of dollars to SILVA. SILVA pretended to be an immigration attorney affiliated with a Houston-based law firm. In fact, SILVA was not an attorney. SILVA told Victims, most of whom lacked legal immigration status in the United States, that he could help

them obtain U.S. citizenship and/or other legal immigration status. SILVA represented to some of the Victims that he had a close relative or contact who worked for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") who would process the Victims' applications.

4. JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," worked with at least two other unindicted co-conspirators ("CC-1" and "CC-2") to execute the Immigration Scheme. SILVA, CC-1, and CC-2 met with Victims at various locations in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois and Houston, Texas to pitch the Victims on paying them for immigration services, and to collect payments from the Victims. SILVA and CC-1 also communicated with Victims by cellphone regarding the status of their cases.

5. JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," charged Victims thousands of dollars per person for SILVA's assistance with their immigration cases. Victims paid SILVA by various means, including by sending cashier's check and checks through the mail to addresses in Houston, Texas, sending money orders, and providing SILVA, CC-1, and CC-2 with cash and checks in person. As part of the Immigration Scheme, SILVA defrauded over 100 Victims.

6. After taking the Victims' money, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," did not provide the Victims with any actual assistance with their immigration status and did not procure legal immigration status for them. Instead, SILVA would provide Victims with a variety of excuses as to why they had not seen any progress in their applications, and eventually would stop responding to Victims' communications. On multiple occasions, SILVA directed Victims to travel to Houston, Texas for an alleged appointment with USCIS. Once the Victims arrived in Houston, SILVA gave excuses for why he could not meet them, and the Victims learned there was no actual appointment.

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud)

7. The Grand Jury re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Indictment.

8. From in or around March 2022 through in or around December 2024, within the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

JESUS CARLOS SILVA,
a/k/a "Carlos Silva,"

defendant herein, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others known and unknown to the grand jury, to commit certain offenses against the United States, namely, mail fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341; and wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

9. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," and others known and unknown to the grand jury, knowingly having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, that is, the Immigration Scheme described above, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, would and did place in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by the Postal Service, and deposit and cause to be deposited a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by a private and commercial interstate carrier, and take and receive therefrom, a matter and thing, and knowingly cause to be delivered by mail and such carrier according to the direction thereon, and at the place at which it was directed to be delivered by the person to whom it was addressed, a matter and thing, that is, SILVA caused the Victims of the Immigration Scheme to mail him payments to addresses in Houston, Texas, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

10. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a

"Carlos Silva," and others known and unknown to the grand jury, knowingly having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, that is, the Immigration Scheme described above, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire and radio communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, that is, SILVA caused Victims of the Immigration Scheme to use interstate and international phone calls to communicate about the Immigration Scheme, and interstate wires for the deposit of funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.

COUNTS TWO THROUGH FOUR
(Mail Fraud)

11. The Grand Jury re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Indictment.

12. On or about the dates listed below, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

JESUS CARLOS SILVA,
a/k/a "Carlos Silva,"

the defendant, together with others known and unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, did place in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by the Postal Service, and deposit and cause to be deposited a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by a private and commercial interstate carrier, and take and receive therefrom, a matter and thing, and knowingly cause to be delivered by mail and such carrier according to the direction thereon, and at the place at which it was directed to be delivered by the person to whom it was addressed, a matter and thing, as set forth below:

Count	Date	Mailing
2	06/17/2022	$3,500 cashier's check from Victim G.C. sent from a United States Postal Service office in Cicero, Illinois to "Jesus Carlos Silva" at an address in Houston, Texas
3	8/20/2022	$6,000 cashier's check from Victim I.M. sent from a UPS store in La Grange, Illinois to "Jesus Carlos Silva" at an address in Houston, Texas
4	10/3/2022	$4,500 cashier's check from Victim I.M. sent from a UPS store in La Grange, Illinois to "Jesus Carlos Silva" at an address in Houston, Texas

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 and 2.

COUNTS FIVE THROUGH SEVEN
(Wire Fraud)

13. The Grand Jury re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Indictment.

14. On or about the dates listed below, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

JESUS CARLOS SILVA,
a/k/a "Carlos Silva,"

the defendant, together with others known and unknown, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice, did knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted by means of wire and radio communication in interstate and foreign commerce, certain writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds, as set forth below:

Count	Date	Wire or Radio Communication
5	03/13/2023	JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," who was in the United States, made a phone call to CC-1, who was traveling in Mexico
6	03/25/2023	CC-1, who was traveling in Mexico, made a phone call to Victim E.F. in the United States
7	03/30/2023	JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," who was located in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, made a phone call to Victim A.P., who was located in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 and 2.

COUNTS EIGHT THROUGH TEN
(Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Criminally Derived Property)

15. The Grand Jury re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 6 of this Indictment.

16. On or about the dates listed below, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere,

JESUS CARLOS SILVA,
a/k/a "Carlos Silva,"

the defendant, did knowingly engage, attempt to engage, and cause others to engage in monetary transactions affecting interstate commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than $10,000, that is, the transfer and withdrawal of funds from and to the financial institutions identified below, such property having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, that is, mail fraud and wire fraud:

Count	Date	Monetary Transactions
8	3/25/2022	Wire transfer of $35,000 from PNC Bank Account held in the name of Jesus Carlos Silva to PNC Bank Account held in the name of Rodolfo Rangel
9	4/8/2022	Wire transfer of $35,000 from PNC Bank Account held in the name of Jesus Carlos Silva to PNC Bank Account held in the name of Rodolfo Rangel

Count	Date	Monetary Transactions
10	4/22/2022	Wire transfer of $35,000 from PNC Bank Account held in the name of Jesus Carlos Silva to PNC Bank Account held in the name of Rodolfo Rangel

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1957 & 2.

A True Bill:

Original Signature on File
Grand Jury Foreperson

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	§	
Defendant.	§	

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES CHARGES:

COUNT ONE
(Conspiracy – 18 U.S.C. § 371)

The Immigration Scheme

1. At various times material to this Information, defendant JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," the defendant, was a resident of Houston, Texas.

2. From in or about March 2022 through in or about December 2024, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," and others known and unknown to the grand jury, operated a scheme to defraud immigrants to the United States with the false promise that SILVA would help those immigrants obtain U.S. citizenship or other legal immigration status (the "Immigration Scheme"). The targets of the fraud were primarily Spanish-speaking immigrants living in Texas, Illinois, Louisiana, and Florida (the "Victims").

3. As part of the Immigration Scheme, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," made various material misrepresentations and false statements to Victims in order to induce Victims to pay thousands of dollars to SILVA. SILVA pretended to be an immigration attorney affiliated with a Houston-based law firm. In fact, SILVA was not an attorney. SILVA told

Victims, most of whom lacked legal immigration status in the United States, that he could help them obtain U.S. citizenship and/or other legal immigration status. SILVA represented to some of the Victims that he had a close relative or contact who worked for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") who would process the Victims' applications.

4. JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," worked with at least two other unindicted co-conspirators ("CC-1" and "CC-2") to execute the Immigration Scheme. SILVA, CC-1, and CC-2 met with Victims at various locations in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois and Houston, Texas to pitch the Victims on paying them for immigration services, and to collect payments from the Victims. SILVA and CC-1 also communicated with Victims by cellphone regarding the status of their cases.

5. JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," charged Victims thousands of dollars per person for SILVA's assistance with their immigration cases. Victims paid SILVA by various means, including by sending cashier's check and checks through the mail to addresses in Houston, Texas, sending money orders, and providing SILVA, CC-1, and CC-2 with cash and checks in person. As part of the Immigration Scheme, SILVA defrauded over 150 Victims.

6. After taking the Victims' money, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," did not provide the Victims with any actual assistance with their immigration status and did not procure legal immigration status for them. Instead, SILVA would provide Victims with a variety of excuses as to why they had not seen any progress in their applications, and eventually would stop responding to Victims' communications. On multiple occasions, SILVA directed Victims to travel to Houston, Texas for an alleged appointment with USCIS. Once the Victims arrived in Houston, SILVA gave excuses for why he could not meet them, and the Victims learned there was no actual appointment.

The Conspiracy

7. Beginning in or about March 2022 through in or about December 2024, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, JESUS CARLOS SILVA, a/k/a "Carlos Silva," the defendant, and others known and unknown, did willfully, that is, with the intent to further the objects of the conspiracy, and knowingly conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit offenses against the United States, that is:

a. to knowingly and with intent to defraud, having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and for the purpose of executing such scheme and artifice and attempting to do so, place in a post office and authorized depository for mail matter, a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by the Postal Service, and deposit and cause to be deposited a matter and thing to be sent and delivered by a private and commercial interstate carrier, and take and receive therefrom, a matter and thing, and knowingly cause to be delivered by mail and such carrier according to the direction thereon, and at the place at which it was directed to be delivered by the person to whom it was addressed, a matter and thing, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

b. to knowingly and with the intent to defraud, having devised and intending to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money and property by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, knowingly transmit and cause to be transmitted, by means of wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

Purpose of the Conspiracy

8. The purpose of the conspiracy was for JESUS CARLOS SILVA and his co-conspirators to enrich themselves through the execution of the Immigration Scheme described above.

Overt Acts

9. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to achieve the objects thereof, JESUS SILVA committed and caused to be committed, in the Southern District of Texas and elsewhere, at least one of the following overt acts, among others:

a. On or about June 17, 2022, SILVA knowingly caused Victim G.C. to send a cashier's check from a United States Postal Service office in Cicero, Illinois to an address for SILVA in Houston, Texas.

b. On or about August 20, 2022, SILVA knowingly caused Victim I.M. to send a $6,000 cashier's check from a UPS store in La Grange, Illinois, to an address for SILVA in Houston, Texas.

c. On or about October 3, 2022, SILVA knowingly caused Victim I.M. to send a $4,500 cashier's check from a UPS store in La Grange, Illinois to an address for SILVA in Houston, Texas.

d. On or about March 13, 2023, SILVA, who was located in the United States, knowingly made a phone call to CC-1, who was traveling in Mexico.

e. On or about March 30, 2023, SILVA, who was located in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, made a phone call to Victim A.P., who was located in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE
(18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C); 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c))

10. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), the United States gives notice to the defendant,

JESUS CARLOS SILVA,

that in the event of his conviction of Count One of this Information, the United States will seek forfeiture of all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the conspiracy.

11. The United States also gives notice that it will seek a money judgment against the defendant.

12. In the event that one or more conditions listed in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) exist, the United States will seek to forfeit any other property of the defendant up to the amount of the money judgment.

NICHOLAS J. GANJEI
United States Attorney

By: */s/ Brad R. Gray*
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Attorney 713-567-9000

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern **DISTRICT OF** Texas

United States of America
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Case No: 4:24-CR-639

WAIVER OF INDICTMENT

I understand that I have been accused of one or more offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. I was advised in open court of my rights and the nature of the proposed charges against me.

After receiving this advice, I waive my right to prosecution by indictment and consent to prosecution by information.

Date: _____

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Defendant's signature

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Signature of defendant's attorney

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Printed name of defendant's attorney

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Judge's signature

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Judge's printed name and title