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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 22-20039-CR-ALTONAGA/TORRES

18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)
18 U.S.C. § 982

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

OSVALDO VILLEGAS RIVERA,
a/k/a "Mari,"

Defendant.
_____/

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
(18 U.S.C. § 1956(h))

Beginning in or around 2017 and continuing until on or about April 22, 2019, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

OSVALDO VILLEGAS RIVERA,
a/k/a "Mari,"

did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit an offense against the United States, that is, Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956:

1. knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducts and attempts to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(A)(i);

2. knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducts and attempts to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing that the transaction is designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i); and,

3. transports, transmits, and transfers, and attempts to transport, transmit and transfer a monetary instrument and funds from a place in the United States to and through a place outside the United States and to a place in the United States from and through a place outside the United States with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(2)(A).

It is further alleged that the specified unlawful activity is the manufacture, importation, sale, and distribution of a controlled substance, punishable under the laws of the United States and Venezuela.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

FORFEITURE
(18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1))

1. The allegations of this Indictment are re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture of property to the United States of America in which the defendant, **OSVALDO VILLEGAS RIVERA,** has an interest.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant, **OSVALDO VILLEGAS RIVERA,** shall forfeit to the United States all property, real or personal, involved in such offense, or any property traceable to such property, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1).

3. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants:

a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;

c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;

d. has been substantially diminished in value; or

e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty;

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), and the procedures set forth in Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, 982(b)(1).

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

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CASE NO. _____

CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY*

Superseding Case Information:

Court Division: (Select One)
✓ Miami ___ Key West
___ FTL ___ WPB ___ FTP

New defendant(s) Yes ____ No ____
Number of new defendants ____
Total number of counts ____

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.

2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. Section 3161.

3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) Yes
List language and/or dialect Spanish

4. This case will take 5 days for the parties to try.

5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:

	(Check only one)		(Check only one)	
I	0 to 5 days	✓	Petty	
II	6 to 10 days		Minor	
III	11 to 20 days		Misdem.	
IV	21 to 60 days		Felony	✓
V	61 days and over			

6. Has this case previously been filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) No
If yes: Judge Case No. _____
(Attach copy of dispositive order)
Has a complaint been filed in this matter? (Yes or No) No
If yes: Magistrate Case No. _____
Related miscellaneous numbers: _____
Defendant(s) in federal custody as of _____
Defendant(s) in state custody as of _____
Rule 20 from the District of _____

Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) No

7. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to August 9, 2013 (Mag. Judge Alicia O. Valle)? Yes ____ No X

8. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to August 8, 2014 (Mag. Judge Shaniek Maynard)? Yes ____ No X

9. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to October 3, 2019 (Mag. Judge Jared Strauss)? Yes ____ No X

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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
ROBERT J. EMERY

*Penalty Sheet(s) attached

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: **OSVALDO VILLEGAS RIVERA**

Case No: _____

Count #: 1

Conspiracy to commit money laundering

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h)

***Max. Penalty:** 20 Years' Imprisonment

***Refers only to possible term of incarceration, does not include possible fines, restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.**