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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

# United States District Court

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

CASE NUMBER: 3-07-MJ- 227

SALOMON BOCANEGRA (01)  
 JUAN JOSE ORNELAS-CASTRO (02)  
 HEBERTO BOCANEGRA (03)  
     a.k.a. "Christopher"  
     a.k.a. "Beto"  
 DAMARIUS ORNELAS-CASTRO (04)  
 SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ (05)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about May 4, 2007, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere, the defendants, **Salomon Bocanegra, Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro, Heberto Bocanegra a.k.a. "Christopher" a.k.a. "Beto", Damarius Ornelas-Castro and Sylvia Rodriguez**, aided and abetted by each other and by others both known and unknown, did willfully and unlawfully kidnap, abduct and carry away Carlos Moreno Esquivel and did hold him for ransom and the said defendants did use a communication facility or instrumentality of interstate commerce in committing or in furtherance of the said offense.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. 1201(a)(1).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See attached Affidavit of Special Agent Joseph J. Ullmann which is incorporated and made a part hereof by reference.

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof:    XX Yes    No

Joseph J. Ullmann  
 Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, on this 11 day of May 2007, at Dallas, Texas.

PAUL D. STICKNEY  
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
 Name & Title of Judicial Officer

[Signature]  
 Signature of Judicial Officer

## AFFIDAVIT

I, Joseph J. Ullmann being duly sworn do hereby depose and state:

I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed for approximately 20 years. I have been assigned to the Dallas Division since 1986. My responsibilities include the investigation of violent crimes to include extortion in the Northern District of Texas.

Based on information provided to me by members of the Dallas FBI's Criminal Enterprise Squad, the Richardson Police Department, the Dallas Police Department and other witnesses, the following occurred.

On Friday, May 4, 2007, the Dallas Division of the FBI was contacted by the Richardson Police Department. Richardson Police advised that they had been contacted by Miguel Esquivel a citizen of Mexico. He advised that his cousin, Carlos Esquivel Moreno ("Esquivel") had been abducted and the individuals who abducted him wanted \$250,000.00 to secure his release. Richardson Police were provided a cellular telephone number for the kidnaper by Miguel Esquivel.

Richardson Police determined from a shooting investigation conducted at 601 Devonshire, Richardson, TX, that Carlos Esquivel had been taken away from the residence at gun point and placed in a dark colored vehicle initially described as a Nissan Sentra with paper license tags.

Based on information from various law enforcement agents, FBI agents believed that the kidnaping of Carlos Moreno Esquivel was committed by individuals tied to drug trafficking activity. Dallas FBI Task Force Officer Armando Lopez, posing as a family member, made

telephonic contact with the subjects who initially demanded \$250,000.00 in United States currency to secure the release of Carlos Moreno Esquivel. The subjects later demanded \$120,000.00 in United States currency or eight kilograms of crystal methamphetamine and eight kilograms of cocaine. TFO Lopez arranged to meet the subjects at the Wal Mart located at I-30 and Cockrill Hill in Dallas, Texas so that payment could be made.

At approximately 11:00 AM at least two vehicles, a Mitsubishi with Texas license 088 GYW and a Chevy Blazer with Texas license 448 VFS, entered the Wal Mart parking lot at the pre-arranged location. A signal to arrest the occupants of these vehicles was given and both vehicles attempted to leave the parking lot at a high rate of speed however the Mitsubishi was blocked in by law enforcement. The driver of the Mitsubishi exited his vehicle and a foot chase ensued. He eventually entered a third vehicle which was later determined to be involved in this investigation a Ford Mustang with Texas license 178 NKR. This vehicle then drove toward the agents attempting to run the agents over, FBI agents fatally shot the driver of the Mustang identified as Gerardo Diaz, DOB 01/10/1961 and arrested Salomon Bocanegra-Flores. The driver of the Blazer caused an accident at the scene and was apprehended. He was identified as Juan Jose Orrelas-Castro. A .380 semi-automatic hand gun was ejected from the vehicle driven by Juan Jose Orrelas-Castro and collected as evidence at the scene. Salomon told TFO Lopez that Esquivel was being held in a white trailer with a red stripe near 5804 Cedarwood. Salomon described this location as his previous residence and that it had a large dead tree in front of it. He also said there might be a red Ford Focus parked at the trailer which belonged to his nephew Christopher Vasquez Bocanegro's wife. He added that there were two guns in the trailer; an AK type assault rifle and a .357 magnum revolver.

Orrelas-Castro was interviewed at the scene and advised that the victim, Carlos Esquivel Moreno could be located inside a trailer at 2324 Cedar Rock, Dallas, Texas. Orrelas-Castro escorted FBI Special Agent Laurie Gibbs to the trailer and pointed out the trailer where Esquivel was being held. The description matched that provided by Salomon Bocanegro.

Dallas FBI Agents responded to the area where the trailer was located and observed a male and female exit the trailer. The two subjects, Christopher Alberto Bocanegro and Sylvia Rodriguez, were detained. Rodriguez advised the agents that the victim was located inside the trailer locked inside the bathroom and another female was inside with him. Christopher indicated to detaining agents that he wasn't sure who was in the trailer, but that there were two weapons in the trailer. Significantly, there was no phone in the trailer and there was no way for the FBI to call into the trailer from a distance.

The family members of Esquivel had told the interviewing agents that they heard the kidnapers beating Esquivel over the phone during their conversations and also heard gunshots. Orrelas-Castro told interviewing FBI agents that Esquivel had been beaten after being taken.

Based on the belief that Esquivel was injured, possibly seriously, the inability to communicate with anyone in the trailer, and the likelihood that weapons were in the trailer, the FBI entered the trailer and conducted a warrantless exigent search for Esquivel. Esquivel was found in the bathtub with his hands bound and a bag over his head. He had two non-life threatening gunshot wounds and had been beaten severely. Damaris Ormeles-Castro was found in the trailer. Two weapons, an SKS assault rifle and a .357 magnum revolver, were in plain view. The premises were then frozen by the FBI agents on the scene where they remain. A search warrant was subsequently obtained and executed at the trailer.

During the interview of Carlos Moreno Esquivel, he advised that on May 4, 2007, at approximately 9:00 P.M. or 9:30 P.M., he was with two (2) friends, identified as Juan Cervantes and Felipe Soto when he (Carlos Moreno Esquivel) was abducted at gunpoint. Carlos Moreno Esquivel arrived in Dallas, TX, on May 3, 2007 and it was too late in the evening to meet with Juan Cervantes and Felipe Soto. Instead, Carlos Moreno Esquivel called a taxi and stayed at a hotel until the morning of May 04, 2007.

On the morning of May 04, 2007, Felipe Soto, driving a black Volkswagen Jetta belonging to Pedro LNU picked Carlos Moreno Esquivel up at his hotel. Carlos Moreno Esquivel was taken to a residence located at 601 Devonshire, Richardson, TX, believe to be the residence of either Felipe Soto or Juan Cervantes. Carlos Moreno Esquivel left his luggage containing approximately \$23,000.00 at the residence. At approximately 11:30 A.M., shortly after arriving at 601 Devonshire, Carlos Moreno Esquivel, Juan Cervantes and Felipe Soto went to the Dallas residence of individuals identified only as Javier LNU and "Chapparo." Individuals left the residence several hours later and went to Zapitos, a billiards hall in Dallas, Texas. After they played pool at Zapitos, Carlos Moreno Esquivel, Juan Cervantes and Felipe Soto went to a restaurant (name unknown) to eat dinner. At approximately 9:00 P.M. they drove back to the residence located at 601 Devonshire, Richardson, TX, where Carlos Esquivel Moreno was to be staying while in Dallas.

Juan Cervantes, driver of the Volkswagen Jetta, arrived at the house he attempted to open the garage door. The garage door would not open so Felipe Soto and Carlos Moreno Esquivel exited the vehicle. Upon opening the garage door Felipe Soto observed two armed males inside the garage. As Felipe Soto, Juan Cervantes and Carlos Moreno Esquivel were

attempting to flee, the two armed men yelled "Judicial Police," and ordered them to stop. Both Felipe Soto and Juan Cervantes escaped the two armed men. Carlos Moreno Esquivel fell to the ground and was apprehended by one of the armed men later identified as Salomon Bocanegra. The other armed man later identified as Gerardo Diaz entered a dark colored vehicle with paper tags, later identified as a Mitsubishi Galant, (later identified as a 1994 Mitsubishi Galant, Gray in color with Texas license 088 GYW). Carlos Moreno Esquivel was placed at gunpoint into the vehicle by Salomon Bocanegra. Inside the vehicle were approximately six abductors and the victim Carlos Moreno Esquivel. Carlos Moreno Esquivel was repeatedly pistol whipped about the face and head by the abductors and shot in the right forearm. Carlos Moreno Esquivel's head was covered by papers or a paper bag.

According to Carlos Moreno Esquivel the kidnapers initially transported him to a house or a trailer that was located near railroad tracks. This location has subsequently been identified as OJ's Tires and Garage located at 4100 S. Lancaster Road, Dallas, Texas. Carlos Moreno Esquivel said he was held at this location for approximately six hours. During the time he was held at OJ's, Carlos Moreno Esquivel said he was beaten on the head, punched, kicked in the ribs and had his life threatened. At times his abductors would put a gun in his mouth and threaten his life. After approximately six hours, Carlos Moreno Esquivel was put in a vehicle and transported to the trailer where he was held until Dallas SWAT freed him.

On 05/06/2007, Salomon Bocanegra was interviewed by Dallas FBI agents regarding his participation in the abduction of Carlos Moreno Esquivel. Salomon Bocanegra advised that he was instructed by Armando to enter the location identified as 601 Devonshire, Richardson, TX and take drugs and money from the residence. Salomon Bocanegra was instructed to make

contact with Juan LNU or his "Gato." Armando showed Salomon Bocanegra the residence two to three weeks prior to the abduction. Armando also provided the vehicle (Mitsubishi Galant) and the weapons used in the abduction. Salomon Bocanegra advised that himself and other members of his crew attempted to make contact at the residence prior to the abduction. Salomon Bocanegra admitted that on the night of the abduction himself, Damaris Ornelas-Castro, Gerardo LNU (identified as Gerardo Diaz) entered the garage of the residence. All three individuals were armed with handguns. Salomon Bocanegra advised the original plan was to rob the location. According to Salomon Bocanegra, during the abduction at the residence two males with handguns (later identified as Juan Cervantes and Felipe Soto) fired at him and his crew members and an exchange of gunfire took place. Salomon Bocanegra apprehended Carlos Moreno Esquivel who was not armed. The other two men managed to flee the area. Salomon Bocanegra admitted to beating Carlos Moreno Esquivel and taking him to a tire shop located near the intersection of Lancaster Road and Ledbetter in Dallas. According to Bocanegra, the tire shop did not have a name but it was located just north of that intersection. Bocanegra also advised agents that he used Carlos Moreno Esquivel's cellular telephone to contact individuals to make ransom demands. Bocanegra advised that Esquivel suggested calling his brother-in-law in Florida. Bocanegra advised that after contacting the individual, Bocanegra demanded \$120,000.00 for Esquivel's safe return. Bocanegra also advised he made attempts with Esquivel's cellular telephone to contact an associate of Esquivel named "Juan". Cellular telephone records reflect that the telephone utilized by Esquivel received multiple inbound international calls during the period he was being held.

On May 6, 2007, Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro was interviewed by the FBI. Juan Jose

Ornelas-Castro advised that on Friday, May 4, 2007, he and several friends, directed by Armando, went to a house in Richardson (CASTRO claimed he could not recall the exact address) to rob the occupants of their drugs and money.

Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro advised that when they arrived to the house, Salomon Bocanegra, Damaris Castro, and Christopher Bocanegra knocked at the door, and upon receiving no answer, they moved towards the back of the house. Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro also advised that, in the meantime, he and Christopher Bocanegra went to fill up their car with gasoline.

Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro advised that upon their return to the house from the gas station, they stopped their car next to another car which contained three men and was parked in front of the house's garage. Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro also advised that he then observed Salomon Bocanegra chasing the men with a gun and a shootout took place. Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro claimed to remember the men firing the first shots; although, he was not sure of whether Salomon Bocanegra actually fired any shots after they did.

Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro advised that he and everyone else, except for Salomon, who was chasing the three men with a gun, got back in their car and drove away. Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro also advised that after several minutes, Salomon Bocanegra used a NEXTEL to recall Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro back to the house. According to Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro, upon returning to the house, they found Salomon Bocanegra and a man (later identified as Carlos Esquivel Moreno, Date of birth 05/12/1973) several houses away from where the shooting started.

Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro advised that Salomon Bocanegra pushed Carlos Esquivel Moreno into the car and they drove away while Salomon Bocanegra, Gerado LNU, and Juan Jose



Ornelas-Castro beat Carlos Esquivel Moreno repeatedly while they interrogating him about the location of the drugs and/or the money.

Juan Jose Ornelas Castro advised that they learned that Carlos Moreno Esquivel actually worked for someone else who was at the U.S.-Mexico border at the time. Juan Jose Castro also advised that Carlos Moreno Esquivel told them there was \$60,000.00 and two kilos of methamphetamine-ICE hidden at the house.

Juan Jose Ornelas Castro advised that after leaving the scene of the shooting, they drove Carlos Moreno Esquivel to an auto shop called "OJ's Tire Shop", located near the intersection of Lancaster and Fordham, Dallas. According to Juan Jose Ornelas Castro, they kept Carlos Moreno Esquivel hidden there for several hours. Juan Jose Ornelas Castro added they went to the tire shop because Gerado worked there and had access to it.

Juan Jose Ornelas Castro advised that, at approximately 4:00 a.m., they moved Carlos Moreno Esquivel to the trailer where he and the Bocanegras lived, near the intersection of Lancaster and Ledbetter, Dallas.

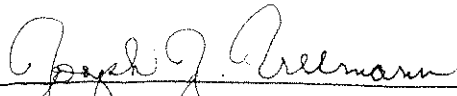
On May 5, 2007, Silvia Rodriguez was interviewed by Special Agent Laurie Gibbs and Richardson Police Detective Allen Goehring. After being advised of her Miranda warnings, Rodriguez advised that she is the girlfriend of "Beto" a.k.a. "Christopher" Bocanegra. According to Rodriguez she had been residing in the trailer located at 2324 Cedar Rock, Dallas, TX, from May 2, 2007 until her arrest on May 6, 2007. Rodriguez advised that at approximately 4:00 A.M. on May 5, 2007, Salomon Bocanegra, Heberto "Christopher" Bocanegra and a chubby Hispanic male entered the trailer. As the individuals entered the trailer Christopher Bocanegra pushed her face into a mattress so she could not observe what was happening. According to

Rodriguez she knew that they were holding an unidentified person in the bathroom of the trailer. Rodriguez could hear the unidentified person being beaten and yelled at Salomon Bocanegra, Christopher Bocanegra and the chubby Hispanic male. Rodriguez heard a telephone conversation between Salomon Bocanegra and an unidentified person in which Salomon Bocanegra demanded \$160,000.00 and a kilogram of cocaine. During the conversation Salomon Bocanegra was assaulting the unidentified captive. Rodriguez advised that on the morning of May 5, 2007, Salomon, Jose and the other individual left to go pick up the money. She, Christopher and Damaris Ornelas-Castro remained at the trailer with the victim. Rodriguez stated that the guys were supposed to contact Christopher when they had received the ransom money but they never called. Rodriguez stated that she told Christopher that the police must have gotten them. Rodriguez stated that Christopher became worried. Rodriguez advised agents that she did leave briefly at one point and observed several police officers in the area. Rodriguez advised that she returned to the trailer to warn Christopher of the police presence. Rodriguez stated that after she told Christopher that police were in the area, he asked her to take him to a different location. Rodriguez and Christopher Bocanegra were arrested shortly after leaving the trailer.

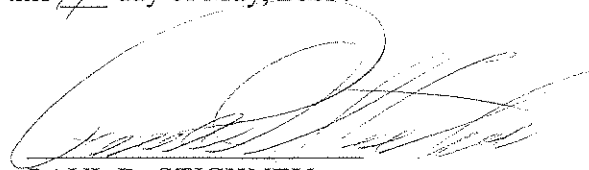
Based on the foregoing, the Affiant has concluded that there is probable cause to believe that On or about May 4, 2007, in the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas and elsewhere, the defendants, **Salomon Bocanegra, Juan Jose Ornelas-Castro, Heberto Bocanegra a.k.a. "Christopher", Damarius Ornelas-Castro and Sylvia Rodriguez**, aided and abetted by each other and by others both known and unknown, did

willfully and unlawfully kidnap, abduct and carry away Carlos Moreno Esquivel and did hold him for ransom and the said defendants did use a communication facility or instrumentality of interstate commerce in committing or in furtherance of the said offense.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. 1201(a)(1).

  
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Joseph J. Ullmann  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Dallas, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 2007.

  
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PAUL D. STICKNEY  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Northern District of Texas