

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Mexico



United States of America

v.

Coss, Adriana Alejandra

Case No.

26-580 MJ

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 February 13, 2026 in the county of Dona Ana in the
State and District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I)

Offense Description

Conspiracy to transport illegal aliens within the United States.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Eddie Marquez

Complainant's signature

Eddie Marquez, Border Patrol Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

VIAPHONE.

Date: 02/13/2026City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

GREGORY J. FOURATT

Judge's signature

GREGORY J. FOURATT
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

United States of America**V.****Adriana Alejandra Coss**

On February 13, 2026, Las Cruces Border Patrol Agents were performing immigration inspections at the Las Cruces Border Patrol Checkpoint located on I-25-mile marker 26. While conducting inspections, agents encountered a Kenworth tractor-trailer bearing New Mexico License plate IRN2851 when it approached the primary inspection area. Agents made initial contact with the driver, identified as Adriana Alejandra COSS, and conducted an immigration inspection. During questioning, COSS appeared visibly nervous and stated no other individuals were present in the tractor-trailer and that she was traveling to Albuquerque, New Mexico with an empty trailer. COSS told the agents that the trailer was locked, but she did not have the key to the lock. Based on COSS' nervous demeanor, the presence of a locked trailer, and COSS' statement that she was not carrying any cargo, agents referred her for a secondary inspection.

While in secondary inspection area, agents conducted an exterior inspection of the trailer utilizing a canine trained to detect concealed humans and drugs. The canine alerted to the trailer. Agents then questioned COSS regarding access to the trailer, and she again stated she did not possess a key to the trailer lock. Based on the canine alert and totality of the circumstances, agents cut the lock to gain access to the trailer. Upon opening the trailer, agents discovered nineteen (19) individuals confined inside the trailer, which was locked from the exterior, with no way for the aliens to unlock the door from the inside to freely exit the trailer. All nineteen (19) individuals were questioned and stated they were not citizens of the United States and were not in possession of any immigration documents to be or remain in the United States legally.

Agents inspected the Kenworth tractor cabin and found a black and white cooler bag containing several aluminum foil wrapped cellular phones concealed in the bag, in the vicinity of where COSS was driving. The phones were later identified as belonging to the illegal aliens inside the trailer.

COSS was taken into one of the checkpoint detention cells and was the only one in the cell. COSS was then transferred to the Las Cruces Border Patrol station in Las Cruces, NM. After COSS left the checkpoint detention cell, staff found a key. Agents later determined the key found in the cell operated the lock utilized to lock the trailer.

Upon interviewing Material Witness 1 (MAT WIT 1), MAT WIT 1 state he/she utilized and paid an alien smuggling facilitator to smuggle him/her from his/her native country into the United States. MAT WIT 1 stated to have entered the United States illegally by being concealed in a make-shift compartment and driven across a Port of Entry (POE) in El Paso, Texas. MAT WIT 1 stated to be taken to an alien smuggling stash house where MAT WIT 1 met the other eighteen (18) illegal aliens in the human smuggling event. MAT WIT 1 stated that on the night of February 11, 2026, he/she overheard a conversation with the aliens and the stash-house caretakers stating the previous transporter of aliens had retired and the new transporter of aliens would be a female. MAT WIT 1 stated that on February 12, 2026, all nineteen (19) illegal aliens were transported by car from the stash house to a parking lot where a tractor trailer was parked. MAT-WIT 1 stated as soon as all the nineteen illegal aliens were placed inside the back of the

trailer, the door was shut from the outside, and they departed the location without stopping until being apprehended at the Border Patrol checkpoint.

Upon interviewing material witness 2 (MAT WIT 2), MAT WIT 2 state he/she utilized and paid an alien smuggling facilitator to smuggled him/her from his/her native country into the United States. MAT WIT 2 stated he/she illegally entered the United States on February 11, 2026, by crossing the Rio Grand River. MAT WIT 2 stated he/she entered the United States illegally, he/she was taken to a stash-house and hours later transported to a second stash-house.

MAT WIT 2 stated that on the night of February 12, 2026, he/she was transported to an open parking lot where there was a semi-truck parked. At the location, MAT WIT 2 and others were told to enter the back of a semi-truck trailer and told to keep the door closed until the rest of the illegal aliens arrived. MAT WIT 2 stated that four (4) more groups arrived at the location within the next 30 minutes. MAT WIT 2 stated that he/she noticed that the vehicles dropping off the illegals would leave the area as soon as they entered the back of the cargo box and they were left alone. Once the last vehicle arrived, it dropped off the last group of illegal aliens and the vehicle left. MAT WIT 2 stated he/she felt someone exit the tractor, as the trailer moved side to side due to the tractor movement. MAT WIT 2 stated he/she then overheard footsteps walking from the front of the tractor to the back of the trailer and then the door shut completely. MAT WIT 2 stated the footsteps proceeded back towards the tractor and he/she overheard a female voice speaking with a male voice over a phone in the English language. MAT WIT 2 stated that he/she felt the trailer shift again and then tractor engine was engaged and the tractor trailer departed soon after that. MAT WIT 2 stated the tractor trailer never stopped until they were stopped and apprehended at the United States Border Patrol checkpoint. MAT WIT 2 stated everyone in the trailer was very cold as there was no heat to keep them warm.

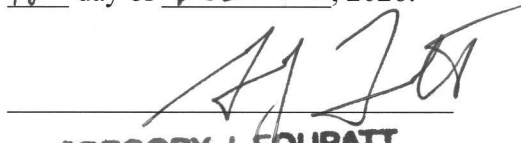
A telephonic interview was conducted with the owner of the tractor trailer who informed he was not aware COSS was operating the tractor trailer. The owner further informed there was no legitimate purpose or reason for COSS to operate the trailer as the business was not fully operational yet and there were no contracted loads scheduled.

AUSA Richard Williams approved prosecution of COSS for 8 USC 1324 – Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens.

Eddie Marquez - 02/14/2026

Eddie Marquez
Border Patrol Agent
U.S. Border Patrol

Sworn to and signed before me by telephonic or other reliable electronic means before me this
16th day of February, 2026.


GREGORY J. FOURATT
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE