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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDICTMENT

- against -

Cr. No. **CR 20 251**
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i),
924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii),
924(j)(1), 1959(a)(1), 1959(a)(3),
1959(a)(5), 1962(c), 1962(d), 1963, 2, 3
and 3551 et seq.; T. 21, U.S.C., §§ 846,
841(b)(1)(C) and 841(b)(1)(D))

CARLOS ALFARO,
also known as "Russo,"
JOSE MOISES BLANCO,
also known as "Cuervo,"
OSEAS GONZALEZ,
also known as "Manota" and "Cordero,"
JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO,
also known as "Suspechoso,"
VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES,
also known as "Persa,"
EVER MORALES-LOPEZ,
also known as "Kien," "Inke" and
"White Boy,"
DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA,
also known as "Risky," and
KEVIN TORRES,
also known as "Inquieto" and "Quieto,"

AZRACK, J.

LOCKE, M. J.

Defendants.

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise indicated:

The Enterprise

1. La Mara Salvatrucha, also known as the MS-13, (hereinafter the "MS-13" or the "enterprise") was a transnational criminal organization with members located

throughout Long Island, New York, Queens, New York and elsewhere. Members and associates of the MS-13 have engaged in acts of violence, including murder, attempted murder, robbery, kidnapping and assault, as well as other criminal activity, including narcotics trafficking, extortion, witness tampering and witness retaliation.

2. The defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” were members and associates of the MS-13.

3. The MS-13, including its leadership, membership and associates, constituted an “enterprise” as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(4), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact. The enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise. The enterprise was engaged in, and its activities affected, interstate and foreign commerce.

Purposes of the Enterprise

4. The purposes of the enterprise included the following:
 - a. Promoting and enhancing the prestige, reputation and position of the enterprise with respect to rival criminal organizations.

- b. Preserving and protecting the power, territory and criminal ventures of the enterprise through the use of intimidation, threats of violence and acts of violence, including assault and murder.
- c. Keeping victims and rivals in fear of the enterprise and its members and associates.
- d. Enriching the members and associates of the enterprise through criminal activity, including robbery, extortion and narcotics trafficking.
- e. Ensuring discipline within the enterprise and compliance with the enterprise's rules by members and associates through threats of violence and acts of violence.

Means and Methods of the Enterprise

- 5. Among the means and methods by which the defendants and their associates conducted and participated in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise were the following:
 - a. Members of the MS-13 and their associates committed, attempted to commit and threatened to commit acts of violence, including murder, attempted murder, robbery, kidnapping and assault, to enhance the enterprise's prestige and protect and expand the enterprise's criminal operations.
 - b. Members of the MS-13 and their associates used and threatened to use physical violence against various individuals, including members of rival criminal organizations and MS-13 members who violated the enterprise's rules.

c. Members of the MS-13 and their associates used, attempted to use and conspired to use robbery, extortion and narcotics trafficking as means of obtaining money.

COUNT ONE
(Racketeering)

6. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

7. On or about and between January 1, 2015 and the date of this Indictment, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, being persons employed by and associated with the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 through a pattern of racketeering activity, as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5), consisting of the racketeering acts set forth below.

RACKETEERING ACT ONE

(Conspiracy to Murder Oscar Acosta and Murder of Oscar Acosta)

8. The defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act One:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Oscar Acosta

9. In or about April 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of Oscar Acosta, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Oscar Acosta

10. On or about April 29, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Oscar Acosta, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT TWO

(Conspiracy to Murder Kerin Pineda and Murder of Kerin Pineda)

11. The defendants OSEAS GONZALEZ, JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA and KEVIN TORRES, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Two:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Kerin Pineda

12. In or about and between April 2016 and May 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the

defendants OSEAS GONZALEZ, JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA and KEVIN TORRES, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of Kerin Pineda, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Kerin Pineda

13. On or about May 21, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants OSEAS GONZALEZ, JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA and KEVIN TORRES, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Kerin Pineda, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT THREE

(Conspiracy to Murder Rival Gang Members and
Attempted Murders of John Doe #1 and John Doe #2)

14. The defendants CARLOS ALFARO and OSEAS GONZALEZ, together with others, committed the following acts, any one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Three:

A. Conspiracy to Murder

15. In or about July 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO and OSEAS GONZALEZ, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of rival gang members, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Attempted Murder of John Doe #1

16. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO and OSEAS GONZALEZ, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to cause the death of another person, to wit: John Doe #1, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1), 110.00 and 20.00.

C. Attempted Murder of John Doe #2

17. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO and OSEAS GONZALEZ, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to cause the death of another person, to wit: John Doe #2, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1), 110.00 and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT FOUR

(Conspiracy to Murder Josue Amaya-Leonor and Murder of Josue Amaya-Leonor)

18. The defendants CARLOS ALFARO, JOSE MOISES BLANCO, OSEAS GONZALEZ and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Four:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Josue Amaya-Leonor

19. In or about and between August 2016 and September 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, JOSE MOISES BLANCO, OSEAS GONZALEZ and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally

conspire to cause the death of Josue Amaya-Leonor, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Josue Amaya-Leonor

20. On or about September 4, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, JOSE MOISES BLANCO, OSEAS GONZALEZ and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Josue Amaya-Leonor, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT FIVE

(Conspiracy to Murder Javier Castillo and Murder of Javier Castillo)

21. The defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Five:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Javier Castillo

22. In or about October 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of Javier Castillo, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Javier Castillo

23. On or about October 10, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Javier Castillo, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT SIX

(Conspiracy to Murder Carlos Ventura-Zelaya and Murder of Carlos Ventura-Zelaya)

24. The defendant CARLOS ALFARO, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Six:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Carlos Ventura-Zelaya

25. In or about and between September 2016 and October 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of Carlos Ventura-Zelaya, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Carlos Ventura-Zelaya

26. On or about October 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Carlos Ventura-Zelaya, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT SEVEN

(Conspiracy to Murder Angel Soler and Murder of Angel Soler)

27. The defendants VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, together with others, committed the following acts, either one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act Seven:

A. Conspiracy to Murder Angel Soler

28. In or about July 2017, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA,

together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to cause the death of Angel Soler, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

B. Murder of Angel Soler

29. On or about July 21, 2017, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, together with others, with intent to cause the death of another person, to wit: Angel Soler, did knowingly and intentionally cause his death, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

RACKETEERING ACT EIGHT
(Kidnapping Conspiracy)

30. In or about August 2017, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to kidnap John Doe #3, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 135.20 and 105.15.

RACKETEERING ACT NINE
(Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana)

31. In or about and between January 2016 and the date of this Indictment, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, JOSE MOISES BLANCO, OSEAS GONZALEZ, JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which

offense involved a substance containing marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, for remuneration, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(b)(1)(D).

RACKETEERING ACT TEN
(Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine and Marijuana)

32. In or about and between April 2016 and October 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants EVER MORALES-LOPEZ and KEVIN TORRES, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one or more controlled substances, which offense involved (a) a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(C); and (b) a substance containing marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, for remuneration, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(b)(1)(D).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1962(c), 1963 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWO
(Racketeering Conspiracy)

33. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

34. On or about and between January 1, 2015 and the date of this Indictment, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” EVER MORALES-

LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, being persons employed by and associated with the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(c), that is, to conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 through a pattern of racketeering activity, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5).

35. The pattern of racketeering activity through which the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, JOSE MOISES BLANCO, OSEAS GONZALEZ, JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA and KEVIN TORRES, together with others, agreed to conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the MS-13 consisted of the racketeering acts set forth in paragraphs eight through thirty-two of Count One of this Indictment, as Racketeering Acts One through Ten, which are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph. Each defendant agreed that a conspirator would commit at least two acts of racketeering in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1962(d), 1963 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THREE
(Conspiracy to Murder Oscar Acosta)

36. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the MS-13, as more fully described in paragraphs one through five, which are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph, including its leadership, membership and associates, constituted an

“enterprise” as defined in Section 1959(b)(2) of Title 18, United States Code, that is, a group of individuals associated in fact that was engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce. The enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the enterprise.

37. At all times relevant to this Indictment, the MS-13, through its members and associates, engaged in racketeering activity, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(b)(1) and 1961(1), that is, acts and threats involving murder, extortion and robbery, that are chargeable under New York Penal Law and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, acts indictable under Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512 (relating to tampering with a witness, victim or informant) and 1513 (relating to retaliating against a witness, victim or informant), and offenses involving narcotics trafficking, punishable under Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846.

38. In or about and between March 2016 and April 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to murder Oscar Acosta, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOUR
(Murder of Oscar Acosta)

39. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

40. On or about April 29, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder Oscar Acosta, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIVE
(Conspiracy to Murder Kerin Pineda)

41. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

42. In or about and between April 2016 and May 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally

conspire to murder Kerin Pineda, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIX
(Murder of Kerin Pineda)

43. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

44. On or about May 21, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder Kerin Pineda, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SEVEN
(Conspiracy to Murder Rival Gang Members)

45. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

46. In or about July 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS

GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to murder one or more rival gang members, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT EIGHT

(Attempted Murder of John Doe #1)

47. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

48. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to murder John Doe #1, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1), 110.00 and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT NINE

(Assault of John Doe #1 with Dangerous Weapons)

49. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

50. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance

to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally assault John Doe #1 with one or more dangerous weapons, to wit: one or more firearms and a machete, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 120.05(2) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(3), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TEN

(Brandishing and Discharge of Firearms During Crimes of Violence:
Attempted Murder and Assault of John Doe #1)

51. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

52. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry one or more firearms during and in relation to one or more crimes of violence, to wit: the crimes charged in Counts One, Eight and Nine, and did knowingly and intentionally possess one or more firearms in furtherance of such crimes of violence, one or more of which firearms was brandished and discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT ELEVEN

(Attempted Murder of John Doe #2)

53. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

54. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to murder John Doe #2, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1), 110.00 and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWELVE

(Assault of John Doe #2 with Dangerous Weapons)

55. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

56. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally assault John Doe #2 with one or more dangerous weapons, to wit: one or more firearms and a machete, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 120.05(2) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(3), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THIRTEEN

(Brandishing and Discharge of Firearms During Crimes of Violence:
Attempted Murder and Assault of John Doe #2)

57. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

58. On or about July 18, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” and OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry one or more firearms during and in relation to one or more crimes of violence, to wit: the crimes charged in Counts One, Eleven and Twelve, and did knowingly and intentionally possess one or more firearms in furtherance of such crimes of violence, one or more of which firearms was brandished and discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOURTEEN
(Conspiracy to Murder Josue Amaya-Leonor)

59. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

60. In or about and between August 2016 and September 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to murder Josue Amaya-Leonor, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIFTEEN
(Murder of Josue Amaya-Leonor)

61. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

62. On or about September 4, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder Josue Amaya-Leonor, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIXTEEN
(Accessory After the Fact)

63. On or about September 4, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” and VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” knowing that one or more offenses against the United States had been committed, to wit: the offenses charged in Counts Fourteen and Fifteen, did knowingly and intentionally receive and assist one or more offenders, in order to hinder and prevent the offenders’ apprehension, trial and punishment.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SEVENTEEN
(Conspiracy to Murder Javier Castillo)

64. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

65. In or about October 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to murder Javier Castillo, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT EIGHTEEN
(Murder of Javier Castillo)

66. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

67. On or about October 10, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder Javier Castillo, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT NINETEEN
(Conspiracy to Murder Carlos Ventura-Zelaya)

68. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

69. In or about and between September 2016 and October 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to murder Carlos Ventura-Zelaya, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 105.15.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(5) and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY
(Murder of Carlos Ventura-Zelaya)

70. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

71. On or about October 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” together with others, for the purpose of gaining entrance to and maintaining and increasing position in the MS-13, an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, did knowingly and intentionally murder Carlos Ventura-Zelaya, in violation of New York Penal Law Sections 125.25(1) and 20.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1959(a)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY-ONE

(Brandishing and Discharge of a Firearm During Crimes of Violence:
Carlos Ventura-Zelaya Murder)

72. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

73. On or about October 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally use and carry a firearm during and in relation to one or more crimes of violence, to wit: the crimes charged in Counts One and Twenty, and did knowingly and intentionally possess a firearm in furtherance of such crimes of violence, which firearm was brandished and discharged.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY-TWO

(Causing the Death of Carlos Ventura-Zelaya Through the Use of a Firearm)

74. The allegations contained in paragraphs one through five, 36 and 37 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth in this paragraph.

75. On or about October 14, 2016, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” together with others, in the course of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c), to wit: the crime charged in Count Twenty-One, did knowingly and intentionally cause the death of a person through the use of a firearm, which killing was a murder as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1111(a), in that the defendant, together with others, with

malice aforethought, did unlawfully kill Carlos Ventura-Zelaya willfully, deliberately, maliciously and with premeditation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(j)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY-THREE
(Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana)

76. In or about and between January 2016 and the date of this Indictment, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants CARLOS ALFARO, also known as “Russo,” JOSE MOISES BLANCO, also known as “Cuervo,” OSEAS GONZALEZ, also known as “Manota” and “Cordero,” JOSE JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, also known as “Suspechoso,” VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, also known as “Persa,” and DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, also known as “Risky,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, which offense involved a substance containing marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, for remuneration, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(b)(1)(D); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWENTY-FOUR
(Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine and Marijuana)

77. In or about and between April 2016 and October 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendants EVER MORALES-LOPEZ, also known as “Kien,” “Inke” and “White Boy,” and KEVIN TORRES, also known as “Quieto” and “Inquieto,” together with others, did


knowingly and intentionally conspire to distribute and possess with intent to distribute one or more controlled substances, which offense involved (a) a substance containing cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance; and (b) a substance containing marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, for remuneration, contrary to Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(b)(1)(C) and 841(b)(1)(D); Title 18, United States Code, Sections 3551 et seq.)

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JONATHAN GUEVARA-CASTRO, VICTOR LOPEZ-MORALES, EVER
MORALES-LOPEZ, DAVID SOSA-GUEVARA, and KEVIN TORRES,*

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 924(c)(1)(A)(i), 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), 924(c)(1)(A)(iii),
924(j)(1), 1959(a)(1), 1959(a)(3), 1959(a)(5), 1962(c), 1962(d), 1963, 2, 3
and 3551 et seq.; T. 21, U.S.C., §§ 846, 841(b)(1)(C) and 841(b)(1)(D))



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1. Title of Case: United States v. Carlos Alfaro, et al.

2. Related Magistrate Docket Number(s): N/A **CR 20 251**

3. Arrest Date: N/A

4. Nature of offense(s): ☒ Felony

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☐ Misdemeanor

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5. Related Cases - Title and Docket No(s). (Pursuant to Rule 50.3.2 of the Local E.D.N.Y. Division of Business Rules): US v. Contreras, et al. (16-cr-403)(S-7)(JFB); US v. Gomez, (17-cr-104)(JFB); US v. Hernandez-Gomez, (17-cr-94)(JFB)

6. Projected Length of Trial: Less than 6 weeks ☐

More than 6 weeks ☒

7. County in which crime was allegedly committed: Nassau/Suffolk
(Pursuant to Rule 50.1(d) of the Local E.D.N.Y. Division of Business Rules)

8. Was any aspect of the investigation, inquiry and prosecution giving rise to the case pending or initiated before March 10, 2012.¹ ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Has this indictment/information been ordered sealed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

10. Have arrest warrants been ordered? ☒ Yes ☐ No

11. Is there a capital count included in the indictment? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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/s/ Anne Y. Shields

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