

# *THE NARCO ARTIST*

*Art, politics, narcotrafficking and money laundering*

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In the last two decades, money laundering stemming from drug trafficking and other criminal activities has reached unprecedented levels of sophistication, with the establishment of front corporations being one of the most common tactics employed by criminals to conceal the illicit origin of their funds. The food and beverage industry, including lounges, bars, restaurants, and nightclubs, is a primary target for this activity due to the substantial amounts of cash they handle, which significantly facilitates both money laundering and drug movement.

In this context, Darío Oleaga possesses a deep understanding of the subject. For this reason, nearly all the businesses he has promoted belong to the food and beverage industry. Most of these corporations have been established with the collaboration of “Nieve Multiservicios,” and most have been registered as two-hundred-share corporations, typically in the names of front men who are relatives or close friends of the actual owners.

The latter have not faced any issues with the judicial system, allowing them to operate without raising the slightest suspicion about the deception and harm their activities have caused to the country that welcomed them with open arms, providing them with life opportunities they would not have had in the Dominican Republic.

To expedite the acquisition of the required licenses for business operations, Darío boasted of having the support of some political leaders in his area, including Ydanis Rodríguez, a close associate, and other well-known politicians who owed him favors due to his “caritative” donations to their campaigns.

Generally, individuals in whose names the licenses for alcohol sales are registered must have a clean record to be approved

by judicial authorities. This person can be the same front man under whose name the corporation was registered, or an individual chosen exclusively for this specific task. On one occasion, Darío proposed to Julio a good monthly salary to use his name for the alcohol license of one of the businesses in process. Julio declined the offer, not because it wasn't tempting, but because he was aware of the potential consequences if discovered.

Darío Oleaga's intricate bureaucratic web, meticulously woven to project an illusion of legitimacy, has afforded him the luxury of operating with impunity for over two decades. This elaborate façade renders it nearly impossible for U.S. authorities to unearth the crimes lurking in the shadows.

Any attempt at intervention could infringe upon his fundamental civil rights and potentially violate the sanctity of the Constitution of the United States. Astutely, Darío has exploited this precarious situation to construct a sprawling corporate network, a scheme he has cultivated for more than twenty years, comprising over twenty-five "companies."

Less than a year after his arrival in the United States, Darío plunged into the drug trade and swiftly expanded into money laundering through his food and beverage enterprises. His success has been built on a foundation of exploitation and deceit, with countless employees falling victim to his fraudulent machinations.

Had Darío chosen honesty with those he employed to realize his ventures; his captivating tale might never have surfaced. Yet, his relentless deceit and betrayal of numerous workers—including carpenters, construction laborers, plumbers, electricians, and waitstaff—who were treated as mere disposable ob-

jects and deprived of thousands of dollars in wages, ultimately compelled them to reveal any compromising information they possessed about him. This shared knowledge found its way to Julio and others, setting the stage for an inevitable reckoning.

There is no denying that Darío has achieved notable success in his money laundering enterprise, allowing him to present himself as a “successful businessman and entrepreneur”, as he love to be called, to those who do not know him. However, those who know him well are aware of his true nature and the illegal activities he has pursued almost since his arrival in the United States.

As previously mentioned, in his attempt to conceal his true activities and feign the respectability he lacks, Darío has sought to connect with well-known personalities and politicians, enticing them with “philanthropic” donations for their campaigns. To demonstrate his supposed closeness to these politicians, he loves to take photos with them, often managing to have them sign the pictures. He then hangs these images on the walls of his home as “evidence” of his important connections, as if these photos validate his “respected and honorable” reputation in society.

### **The Pack and the Bitch in Heat**

Many of these politicians have no idea who Darío Oleaga is, nor are they aware of his significant and lucrative “pursuits” in the realm of “business and entrepreneurship.” Even less do they recognize that nearly all Darío’s businesses have questionable origins, rooted in the misfortunes of the very citizens they are obligated to defend. However, some of them know him well and are fully aware of his activities even assisting him in being

successful in “the business”.

They know exactly who Darío is, where he comes from, how he has made his money, and with whom he associates. But as often happens in the world of corrupt politicians, they are aware that if discovered, they will claim they were “unaware” and just learned about this issue from this book. They might even return the money if necessary, and just like that, this story would end.

It is important to remember that, as Elizabeth Taylor noted in David Heymann’s biography, when discussing a friend who revealed a personal indiscretion about her—though done without malice—it ultimately didn’t matter to her, as the damage was already done. Therefore, even if the actions of these politicians in assisting Darío with his seemingly legitimate “business” projects—known to be fronts for laundering criminal money—occurred out of ignorance, the outcome remains the same. With their help, they have enabled this criminal association led by Darío to commit crimes against the United States, shattering dreams and bringing misfortune to our people.

They have allowed him to carry out his despicable actions against the American public, who, thanks to their boundless democracy, have permitted him to do what he could not have done in his own country, where the consequences of being caught would be severe.

There is no doubt that many of these politicians pursue Darío like a pack of dogs chasing a bitch in heat, seeking donations to fund their political campaigns during election seasons. According to public records, accessible to anyone who knows how to use the Internet and Google, Darío has cultivated friendships with a host of these politicians.

However, these politicians, sworn to uphold the law, should be fully aware that the so-called “altruistic” donors funding their campaigns are doing so to gain power and receive favors that are not rightfully theirs, all at the expense of the citizens they were elected to defend. Therefore, whether knowingly or unknowingly, they have aided corrupt individuals and criminals in achieving their objectives, to the detriment of our country.

Here are some politicians identified by public records as beneficiaries of financial “charitable” donations for their political campaigns from Darío Oleaga: Ydanis Rodríguez, the current Commissioner of Transportation for New York City and former council member; Adriano Espaillat, the current U.S. Representative for New York; and Carmen De La Rosa, who has been a council member representing District 10 in New York since January 2022 and previously represented District 72 in the New York State Assembly from 2017 to 2021.

Additionally, there is the current Mayor of New York, Eric Adams, with whom Darío has visited the Dominican Republic right after his election, in 2021, and who, according to various reliable sources, allegedly reciprocated by granting him a lucrative contract in the city for providing Mr. Adams with a large space that was used as for his campaign office in Inwood, all covered by Darío’s ‘honest and hardworking’ proceeds.

There is also the Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul, whom Darío proudly claims as a personal friend, although he has only been seen with her in a few photos and one video.

It is important to emphasize that Darío does not wear a label revealing his true nature, which gives some of these politicians the benefit of the doubt. It would be irresponsible to label them

as accomplices in serious crimes against their own community and country. However, others cannot cling to this excuse, as no matter how far we stretch the truth, we cannot easily deceive ourselves, and we are not fools, even if some attempt to treat us as such.

This situation persists because money is crucial in political campaigns. For their own convenience, those who understand the dynamics involving Darío have chosen to align themselves with him to gain various benefits or donations, even if it means sacrificing their integrity.

When discussing the donations Darío has made to the politicians in his circle, whether personally, corporately, or through front individuals, it is essential to note that this is not speculation. These donations can be found on various websites, such as the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE), [followthemoney.org](http://followthemoney.org), [Open Secrets \(opensecrets.org\)](http://opensecrets.org), and the Federal Election Commission ([FEC.gov](http://FEC.gov)), among others. One of these sources indicates that, to date, Darío has donated nearly thirty thousand dollars since 2003, when his first recorded political donation appears.

These portals track not only Darío's donations but also those made at his request by his drugtrafficking and criminal associates, such as Héctor and Priamo, all of whom were convicted criminals, some active at the time of their donations. Furthermore, these reports do not account for other cash donations or the monetary value of valuable logistical support or services, which often represent significant amounts of money during fundraising events for these politicians.

Another reliable method to verify political campaign donations



is to request public records from the New York State Board of Elections under freedom of information laws. Julio, having experienced this firsthand, confirmed the information through the digital portals where it can be obtained instantly if one knows how to search.

Taking Governor Kathy Hochul as an example, since she is the highest-ranking individual who have received donation from Dario, reports from the Board of Elections confirm that since 2021, she has received at least two significant donations: one personally under Dario's name and another through one of his multiple companies, Mundo Sherman Creek Inc., both totaling \$7,000 USD.

This illustrates that donations are made not only by Darío as an individual but also through his companies, often funded by criminals within his criminal organization. The most concerning aspect is that to circumvent U.S. laws and state or federal election board regulations regarding donation limits, he employs other individuals to donate to his allies.

One specific case involves Ydanis Rodríguez, one of Darío's closest political allies and perhaps the most favored. In 2017, he received a donation from a serious criminal who was active at the time— a former associate of Darío with a lengthy criminal record, having been arrested more than a dozen times for various serious offenses, including identity theft and credit card fraud, which significantly harmed many citizens.

According to some convicted criminals who collaborated with Julio, this is not the only criminal contributing donations to the politicians backed by Darío. However, Priamo was the only case that could be identified with 100% certainty because his

real name was known, unlike most of the thugs who use aliases, making it difficult to trace donations. Additionally, some donations are made in cash under the table, despite being prohibited.

According to Raf  l Rodr  guez, a notable former associate of Dar  o, all individuals involved in drug trafficking, identity and credit card theft, drug adulteration, money laundering, and other criminal enterprises have consistently been invited to fundraising events organized by Dar  o, with an implicit expectation that they contribute generously.

Given the critical importance of verifying funding sources in political campaigns to ensure transparency and prevent corruption, it is perplexing that none of these esteemed politicians have uncovered Dar  o's history and his questionable moral character, especially when such information is merely a few keystrokes away. This raises doubts about whether they are feigning ignorance out of indifference towards the sources of their funding, as mandated by their responsibilities and U.S. laws, or if they are genuinely naive, unaware of the vast resources available on the Internet. Perhaps it is a combination of both.

Even if some of the crimes committed may have lapsed due to the passage of time, his reprehensible moral character disqualifies him from associating with respectable politicians. Consequently, those who have accepted donations from him and the individuals he mingles with during his frequent fundraising events at his restaurants and other venues bear an undeniable obligation to clarify the situation: who failed to verify the source of the funds received, who is responsible, and how they overlooked something so easily investigated. Perhaps they simply didn't care, as these politicians have previously partied with the same criminals.

As reported by the Dominican newspaper *Diario Libre* in November 2016, during the festive atmosphere of that year's Thanksgiving celebration, a prominent Dominican American political figure—then a state senator and recently elected federal congressman—was seen mingling with the 'crème de la merde' of the gang at Darío's 'Cocina Taller Restaurant.' This esteemed politician had previously praised the 'significant social work and humanitarian efforts' of one of the group's most notorious criminals, who was on parole for convictions related to money laundering, drug falsification, and other heinous offenses.

Why has their fundraising team been so ineffective that they allowed questionable money, even if it appeared legitimate, to go unchecked? Are they not familiar with the Internet and unable to use a computer? Can they provide all the photos from the fundraising banquets for their political campaigns in which Darío participated? We know that checks received, along with cash under the table and other favors—which many, including Julio, have witnessed and discreetly photographed—often had a value greater than money, making it difficult to prove without their cooperation. If they were honest and had nothing to hide, they would readily disclose this information to clarify their standing with the voters in their community to whom they owe their positions.

All indications suggest that the assertions Julio makes regarding the criminal transactions of his former friend Darío Oleaga are so true and precise that he has requested we urge both his compatriot, Mr. Adriano Espaillat, and the Governor of New York, Ms. Kathy Hochul, as well as any competent authority, whether state or federal, to conduct an ethical, impartial, and nonpoliticized investigation—similar to the one allegedly con-

ducted against President Donald Trump in New York City regarding personal matters.

In fact, many of those politicians celebrating Trump's conviction should be more concerned about their own situations and are obliged to explain themselves to the public, the voters, and the American people: What is the nature of their close relationship with Darío? What would Mr. Ydanis Rodríguez, who acts as a kind of godfather to Darío and has traveled to the Dominican Republic with him, have to say?

It is well understood that Mr. Rodriguez and Dario maintain a close and collaborative relationship, consistently supporting one another in the pursuit of their respective objectives. Ydanis plays a pivotal role in ensuring that Dario's businesses operate with remarkable efficiency by assisting—just as Dario communicated to Julio—in securing permits that often face considerable bureaucratic scrutiny. This collaboration has been instrumental in the relatively swift establishment of Dario's businesses, in stark contrast to others that have experienced prolonged delays in their operational processes.

The central issue is that the close relationship between Ydanis and Dario has positioned the former as a perpetual lobbyist among his political peers at all levels. This dynamic has facilitated Dario in organizing fundraising events for their political campaigns, aimed at collecting contributions from his 'tigueres,' a term encompassing both business associates and streetwise acquaintances. In many instances, these individuals contributed to the cash pool presented to the politician during gatherings at the conclusion of the evening, where attendees convened in Dario's office to toast the success of the fundraising event. Consequently, many of these esteemed politicians now find them-

selves ensnared in the corrupt environment they currently inhabit, largely due to Ydanis's introduction of his protégé, Dario Oleaga.

Additionally, were the two contracts awarded to Dario by Mayor Eric Adams of New York City—one for supplying food to shelters for immigrants and the other for his cleaning services—intended as a means of reciprocating Dario's logistical support for the Mayor's campaign, specifically in providing space at 420 West 203rd Street in Inwood for the establishment of an unofficial campaign office?

Interestingly, once Darío started bribing corrupt politicians with his illicit funds, he secured support from several individuals within this group. This recently included members of the New York Police Department, such as Police Commissioner Edward Caban and his influential brother, James Caban. Like many other high-ranking politicians and city officials, they were also drawn into Darío's network by Ydanis Rodríguez, a prominent figure in the Dominican American political community, who is often regarded as a symbol of corruption.

What is Congressman Adriano Espaillat's position, as Julio's compatriot and a dignified example of Dominicans residing in the Big Apple, regarding his close relationship with Darío Oleaga? We know he has expressed his opinion about President Trump, claiming he is unqualified to run for president again due to being a convicted criminal.

It should be assumed that Mr. Espaillat, as an ethical and fair representative of New Yorkers in the U.S. Congress, will request an urgent investigation into Darío Oleaga. This is necessary due to serious allegations that transcend the borders of New

York State and enter the federal realm. The investigation will be conducted under oath, which means Julio Valdez, who makes these claims and authorizes their publication, will be obligated to prove the truth of his statements and present all the evidence he claims to possess. Failure to do so will result in serious legal consequences for damaging the reputation of honorable individuals and for lying to federal authorities.

It would be noble and just for Mr. Espailat, with respect to the U.S. legal system and the voters he represents, to consider that since an investigation was opened against Mr. Trump for personal matters, an investigation should also be conducted into an immigrant who has brought vices and crimes to this country. It is essential to clarify whether, as a result of these crimes, Darío has been able to make donations to political campaigns, both at the state and federal levels, perhaps without the recipients knowing the true nature of their sponsor's profession. Such an investigation would be crucial to address concerns about possible irregularities in illegal donations within New York's political campaigns, at both the state and federal levels.

So that no one can point to him as a "pana" (great friend) of individuals involved in poisoning American society by sponsoring the distribution of dangerous drugs that have caused misfortune, tears, and sadness to hundreds of families, Mr. Espailat must be cautious of his associations. His despicable behavior of providing material and logistical support to dangerous criminals has inadvertently entangled him with Darío, who, in his egocentric attitude of keeping him close, has dragged him into this great mess.

The questions raised regarding Mr. Espailat should also be directed at Mr. Eric Adams, the current mayor of New York City.

He has traveled to the Dominican Republic alongside Darío, the individual who currently holds a lucrative contract with the city worth several thousand dollars each month.

These concerns also extend to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, who issued a statement shortly after Mr. Trump's conviction, asserting that the verdict was just. This suggests that she is unlikely to use her executive powers to pardon him, despite calls from politicians across the political spectrum to do so. As Long Island Congressman Nick LaLota noted, the fate of Trump and the upcoming 2024 presidential election "should be decided by voters, not overzealous politically motivated prosecutors and an imbalanced jury," particularly in a state where the majority of voters are Democrats.

On Thursday, May 30, 2024, Governor Hochul publicly warned Trump not to hope for a pardon, stating, "Today's verdict reaffirms that no one is above the law." She also mentioned, "In anticipation of a verdict in this trial, I directed my administration to closely coordinate with local and federal law enforcement, and we continue to monitor the situation." She emphasized, "We are committed to protecting the safety of all New Yorkers and the integrity of our judicial system."

Governor Hochul may be unaware that disloyal political associates have infiltrated her administration, bringing Darío close to her circle to facilitate a few insignificant donations. These individuals failed to thoroughly review Mr. Oleaga's pedigree, which is well-known in his area of influence.

Another point that deserves explanation is which of those politicians, in return for the dirty money received, secured for Darío the lucrative contract he currently holds with a governmental

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New York City

Taboga. Dario's money  
laundering headquarters



Dominican- New Yorkers

Ydanis Rodriguez, actual New  
York City Transportation  
Commissioner and Dario's  
mentor, promoter and  
protector





## JULIO CESAR VALDEZ



US Representative Adriano  
Espaillat

Dario, with New York State  
governor Kathy Hochul and  
US Representative Adriano  
Espaillat



Dario Oleaga with Kathy  
Hochul, New York State  
Governor

Dario, New York City Mayor  
Eric Adams and Ydanis  
Rodriguez



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## Vicente's criminal complaint

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
MAY 2006

ORIGINAL

Approved: *[Signature]*  
VIRGINIA CRUISE ROMERO  
Assistant United States Attorney

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Before: HONORABLE DOUGLAS F. EATON  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
 :  
 - v. - :  
 :  
 VICENTE :  
 aka "Chino," :  
 :  
 GLADYS DELACRUZ, :  
 :  
 aka "Fatu," :  
 aka "P," :  
 aka "Patapata," :  
 aka "231," :  
 :  
 Defendants. :  
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SEALED  
COMPLAINT

Violations of  
21 U.S.C. § 846  
18 U.S.C. § 1956(h)

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:  
  
GARETH HOLOVACH, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he  
is a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration, and  
charges as follows:

COURT ONE

1. In or about early 2005, in the Southern District of New  
York and elsewhere, VICENTE aka "Chino," JOSE  
aka "Fatu," aka "P," aka "Patapata,"  
aka "231," and RAFAEL the defendants, and others known and  
unknown, unlawfully, intentionally, and knowingly did combine,  
conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to  
violate the narcotics laws of the United States.

2. It was a part and an object of said conspiracy that the  
defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, intentionally,

# JULIO CESAR VALDEZ

## Vicente's criminal complaint (Continuation)

others are recounted herein, they are related in substance and in part, unless otherwise indicated.

### Background

6. In or about June 2003, members of the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (the "Task Force") conducted an investigation into a drug trafficking organization headed by Saul Arroyo-Colmenero ("Arroyo"). During the investigation, one hundred twenty kilograms of cocaine was seized from a private airplane. Based on wiretap recordings and information from a cooperating witness ("CW"), I believe that the seized cocaine belonged to Arroyo. The CW identified VICENTE, aka "Chino," the defendant, from a photograph. The CW identified as someone he knew as "Chino." According to the CW, VICENTE is a Bronx-based cocaine distributor for Arroyo in the New York area.

### Wiretap Investigation

7. From in or about February 2005 to in or about June 2005, members of the Task Force, including myself, conducted New York State Court-authorized wire intercepts over phones used by VICENTE, aka "Chino," JOSE, aka "Patu," aka "P," aka "Patapata," aka "231," and RAFAEL, the defendants (together, the "organization").

8. Through the investigation, including the wiretaps, surveillance, and information from the CW, I determined that the DELACRUZ organization generally operated as follows:

- a. VICENTE authorized distribution of the drugs and the collection of the drug proceeds;
- b. delivered drugs and picked up drug proceeds for ultimate delivery to VINCENTE
- c. JOSE was responsible for storing the drug money, which he would receive from GLADYS, and, at the direction of VINCENTE, would deliver the money to a designated recipient;
- d. a drug customer of VINCENTE DELACRUZ, would distribute the drugs and deliver payment to GLADYS; and

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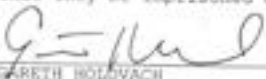
## Vicente's criminal complaint (Continuation)

got into the SUV and drove away, with VICENTE following. Based on my training and experience, this driving pattern - that is, one car following another car that contains contraband - is a common method of counter surveillance when drug traffickers are conducting illegal activity, the purpose of the second car being to detect any surveillance by law enforcement.

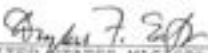
21. At approximately 12:22 p.m., JOSE parked the SUV in a Home Depot parking lot in the Bronx, New York. He got out of the car and met with an individual later identified as Edgar. Agents then saw as he entered the SUV and drove it to New Jersey, without JOSE. was arrested in Secaucus, New Jersey in possession of the two duffel bags JOSE placed into the SUV, which contained approximately \$1.362 million dollars.<sup>7</sup>

22. At approximately 12:24 p.m., a call was intercepted between VICENTE and Arroyo, in which VICENTE told ARROYO that he had "just dropped the guys off." Based on my training and experience, as well as my observations during the investigation, I believe that "dropping the guys off" was a coded reference to delivering the \$1.362 million.

WHEREFORE, deponent prays that arrest warrants issue for VICENTE, JOSE, GLADYS, RAFAEL and the defendants, and that they be imprisoned or bailed as the case may be.

  
GARETH HOLOVACH  
SPECIAL AGENT  
DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Sworn to before me this  
31st day of May 2006

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DOUGLAS F. EATON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

<sup>7</sup> Based on an earlier wiretap call between VICENTE and Arroyo, in which VICENTE told Arroyo that he had taken out a portion of the "one thousand three hundred and eighty pages," I believe that VICENTE took some part of the \$1.38 million for expenses, and that, as a result, the ultimate amount seized was \$1.362 million.

Romero's criminal complaint

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APPEAL, PRIOR

**U.S. District Court**  
**Southern District of New York (Foley Square)**  
**CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:00-cr-00 -L**

Case title: USA v. Bar , et al  
Magistrate judge case number: 1:00-mj-01

Date Filed: 08/10/20

Assigned to: **Judge Lawrence M. McKenna**

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**Pending Counts**

**21:846-ND.F CONSPIRACY TO  
DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS  
(POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO  
DISTRIBUTE / CONSPIRACY TO  
DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS)**

(1)

**21:846-ND.F CONSPIRACY TO  
DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS-21:846**

**Disposition**

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## Romero's criminal complaint

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### Possess W/Intent to Dist/Conspiracy to Distr. Narcotics

(1s)

### 21:846-NDJF CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS-21:846

Possess w/intent to distribute/conspiracy to  
distr. narcotics.

(1ss)

### USE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - DISTR.

(1sss)

### 18:1956-6801.F MONEY LAUNDERING - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE -

SELL/DISTR/DISP-18:1956(h) Money  
Laundering

(2s)

### 18:1956-6801.F MONEY LAUNDERING - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE -

SELL/DISTR/DISP-18:1956(h) Money  
Laundering

(2ss)

### Highest Offense Level (Opening)

**Felony**

### Terminated Counts

None

### Disposition

### Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

### Complaints

21USC846 and 18USC1956:  
NARCOTICS AND MONEY  
LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY [ 1:00-m  
-1434 ]

### Disposition

### Plaintiff

USA

represented by **Boyd M. Johnson , III**  
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Hector Silvestre's criminal complaint

1/17/2018

SDNY CM/ECF Version 6.1.1

CLOSED,ECF

**U.S. District Court**  
**Southern District of New York (Foley Square)**  
**CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:14-cr-00072-LAK All Defendants**

Case title: USA v. Silvestre  
Magistrate judge case number: 1:13-mj-02095-UA

Date Filed: 02/04/2014  
Date Terminated: 03/28/2017

Assigned to: Judge Lewis A. Kaplan

**Defendant (1)**

**Hector Silvestre**  
*TERMINATED: 03/28/2017*  
*also known as*  
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**Pending Counts**

18:1349.F ATTEMPT AND CONSPIRACY  
TO COMMIT WIRE FRAUD & HEALTH  
CARE FRAUD

(1)

18:371.F CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT  
ADULTERATION & MISBRANDING  
OFFENSES & THE UNLAWFUL  
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF  
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

(2)

18:1956-4999.F MONEY LAUNDERING -  
FRAUD, OTHER

(3)

21:846=ND.F CONSPIRACY TO  
DISTRIBUTE NARCOTICS

(4)

**Disposition**

Imprisonment: TIME SERVED on each  
count, the terms to run concurrently.  
Supervised Release: 3 Years. Fine: \$17,500.  
Restitution: \$9,000,000.

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**Highest Offense Level (Opening)**

Felony

**Terminated Counts**

None

**Disposition**

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## Hector Silvestre's criminal complaint

1/17/2018

SDNY CM/ECF Version 6.1.1

### Highest Offense Level (Terminated)

None

### Complaints

18:1349.F:CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTHCARE FRAUD AND MAIL FRAUD; , 18:371.F:CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT OFFENSES RELATING TO THE MISBRANDING, ADULTERATION AND UNLAWFUL WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

### Disposition

### Plaintiff

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18:1029(b)(2) Conspiracy to Commit  
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(1)  
18:1029(a)(1) Producing, Using, and  
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18:1029 (a)(2) Use of One or More Unauthorized Access Devices (3)			
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