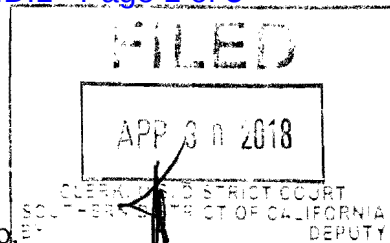


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Morena Elizabeth MENDOZA-Romaldo,

Defendant.

Magistrate Docket No.

18MJ2070

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF:

Title 8, USC 1325 Illegal Entry
(misdemeanor)

The undersigned complainant being, duly sworn, states:

That on or about April 27, 2018, within the Southern District of California, defendant, Morena Elizabeth MENDOZA-Romaldo, an alien, did knowingly and willfully enter the United States at a time and place other than as designated by Immigration Officers, and elude examination and inspection by Immigration Officers, a misdemeanor; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1325.

And the complainant further states that this complaint is based on the attached probable cause statement, which is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

Joseph E. Wolchko
Border Patrol Agent

SWORN TO BEFORE ME AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE,
THIS 30th DAY OF April, 2018.

RUBEN B. BROOKS
United States Magistrate Judge

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CONTINUATION OF COMPLAINT:

Morena Elizabeth MENDOZA-Romaldo

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

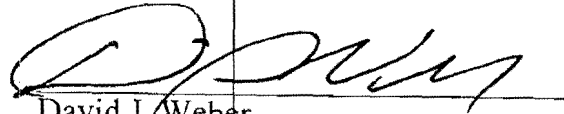
I declare under the penalty of perjury that the following statement is true and correct:

On April 27, 2018, Border Patrol Agent P. Meyer, was performing his assigned duties in the Imperial Beach Border Patrol Station's area of responsibility. At approximately 6:00 PM, Agent Meyer observed seven subjects walking northbound from the United States/Mexico Primary International Boundary fence near an area known to Border Patrol agents as "Goat Canyon." Agent Meyer responded to the location and upon his arrival all of the subjects stopped. This area is approximately four miles west of the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry and approximately fifty yards north of the United States/Mexico International Boundary. Agent Meyer identified himself as a United States Border Patrol agent and conducted an immigration inspection. Six of the seven subjects, including one later identified as the defendant, Morena Elizabeth MENDOZA-Romaldo, freely admitted to being citizens and nationals of El Salvador. The seventh subject admitted to being a citizen and national of Honduras. All of the subjects stated they were not in possession of immigration documents allowing them to enter or remain in the United States legally. On April 27, 2018 at approximately 6:15 PM, Agent Meyer placed all of the subjects, including MENDOZA, under arrest.

MENDOZA was advised of and stated she understood her Miranda Rights and agreed to speak without an attorney present. MENDOZA freely admitted that she is a citizen of El Salvador, and that she was born in Santa Ana, El Salvador. MENDOZA admitted that she has not applied to legally enter the United States. MENDOZA went on to say that she illegally crossed into the United States on April 27, 2018, near Tijuana, Mexico. When asked if she knew that it was illegal for her to enter the United States without authorization, she said "Yes." MENDOZA stated that her intended destination was Virginia.

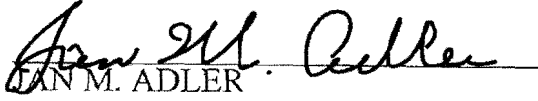
CONTINUATION OF COMPLAINT:
Morena Elizabeth MENDOZA-Romaldo

Executed on April 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM.



David J. Weber
Border Patrol Agent

On the basis of the facts presented in the probable cause statement consisting of one page, I find probable cause to believe that the defendant named in this probable cause statement committed the offense on April 27, 2018, in violation of 8 USC 1325.



JAN M. ADLER
U.S. Magistrate Judge

3:40 PM, Apr 28, 2018

Date/Time