

# Sheriff



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December 15, 2010

## **OCSO UNCOVERS ILLEGAL ALIEN IDENTITY FRAUD ON CONSTRUCTION SITE**

Three illegal aliens have been arrested by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office in the first stage of an investigation into suspected identity fraud by employees working on critical infrastructure at the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Complex on Eglin Air Force Base.

23-year old Marlo Contreras of Fort Walton Beach, 27-year old Victor Contreras-Suarez of Fort Walton Beach and 26-year old Abraham Garcia of Orlando are in custody on charges of fraudulent use of personal information. Contreras-Suarez is the owner of H&S Drywall, but is married to a U-S citizen whose name is on all contract documents. His company has been working on the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Project for up to a year and has previously worked on other government construction projects.

OCSO Inspector George Collins launched the investigation last September after a deputy arrested an admitted illegal alien working at the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group construction site. The man told investigators other illegal aliens were also employed at the site, which the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and state of Florida consider critical Infrastructure. Collins then coordinated with the U-S Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U-S Army Criminal Investigations Division, and the U-S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Their investigation revealed nearly three dozen illegal aliens, and potentially many more, were on the payroll with false, stolen, or fictitious social security numbers.

The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are expected.

The full arrest reports and the original offense report containing details of the investigation are attached. Mug shots are available through the Okaloosa County Jail website.

This investigation directly supports Sheriff Ashley's pledge and commitment to combat illegal immigration using existing state laws and local resources.



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OFFENSE REPORT  
OCSO10OFF012739

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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Last First Middle Title R S DOB Age  
GARCIA ABRAHAM  
Hgt Wgt Eyes Hair ID. No. St Type Ethnicity:  
0

Residence: Within state

Extent of Injury: Verify For Rape Exam: No Treated For Rape Injury: No

General Appearance:

Demeanor:

Clothing:

Clothing Description:

Probable Destination:

Birth Location: \* none reported \*

Address:

1497 KIRKMAN RD ORLANDO FL 32811

Occupation:

Business: H&S DRYWALL, Job Title: FINISHER

Date Entered CIC:

Date Removed CIC:

CHARGES/OFFENSES

Statute: 322.03.1 Counts : 1 UCR: 9000 NCIC :

Charge :

Desc : DRIVERS MUST BE LICENSED

General Offense Code... (GOC) : N Not Applicable

Arrest Charge Level.....(ACL) : M Misdemeanor

Arrest Charge Degree...(ACD) : F First Degree

Arrest Offense Number.(AON) :

Statute: 817.568.9 Counts : 1 UCR: 260D NCIC :

Charge : FRAUD-IMPERSON

Desc : CREATE POSS USE FICTITIOUS PERSONAL ID INFO

General Offense Code... (GOC) : N Not Applicable

Arrest Charge Level.....(ACL) : F Felony

Arrest Charge Degree...(ACD) : T Third Degree

Arrest Offense Number.(AON) : 2604

VEHICLES

[ S UC ] AUTOMOBILE Vehicle Record For : OCSO10MNI020011 [ CONTRERAS-SUAREZ, VICTOR H

Year Make Model \*Body Style Doors Tag No State

2009 GMC SIERRA TRUCK 4 D332JA FL

Decal # Expires VIN Value Dispatcher

12574228 3GTEC13C39G216586 \$0.00

Body Color: Other Description

Body Red

Top

Ownership Verified By Other Verification

Bot

License Plate Color:

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INSURANCE INFORMATION Policy Number:

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Insurer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Insurer Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
No. Di Street A/L City State Zip

TOW INFORMATION Towed By :  
Towed To :

Distinctive Features:  
( If Any ) :

Condition of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Stolen: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Recovered: \_\_\_\_\_ Recovery Value: \$0.00 Recovery Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Entered CIC: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Removed CIC: \_\_\_\_\_

Weapon  
Location Category Non-residence  
Location Type Other non-residence  
Location Description  
Location Status None  
Number of Premises Burglarized 0  
Target  
Entry Method  
Point of Entry (POE)  
POE Visible From  
Point of Exit  
Suspect Actions - Mult Suspect  
Circumstances  
Weather - Clear  
Lighting Condition Daylight  
Security Used  
Crime Scene? : No  
If NO, Explain :  
Crime Scene Officer:  
Physical Evidence Collected: 0

< NARRATIVE >

DATE	TIME	TYPE	OFFICER REPORTING	CALL #	REP TAKER	EDIT DATE	EDIT TIME
12/14/2010	14:48	INITIAL	COLLINS, GEORGE S	012	COLLING	12/15/2010	13:22
Status: APPROVED		COLLINS, GEORGE S	12/15/2010	13:26			

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On or about Sep 14, 2010 an Deputy Sheriff Jeff Morgan arrested an admitted illegal alien who stated he was working at the 7th Special Forces Complex construction project. Deputy Morgan subsequently notified the case officer (Inspector George Collins), and stated the suspect had informed him there were other illegal aliens working at the site. Since the site is classified as Critical Infrastructure, OCSO opened an investigation.

This investigation was coordinated with USAF OSI, US Army CID, and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE has functional control of the project and land area of the project and gave permission to the case officer to operate, move about, and investigate the offenses on the complex while acting in both an overt and undercover capacity. The area is federal land under proprietary jurisdiction. OCSO currently has legal jurisdiction to

investigate.

Investigation revealed at least 30-40 illegal aliens employed in construction of the 7th Special Forces Complex.

On Sep 15, 2010, Inspector Collins visited the 7th Special Forces Complex and contacted Jeremiah Walker, the USACE supervising manager (Resident Engineer) at the site. Inspector Collins explained the situation and asked for his assistance in determining if the contract workers were using valid identity information. Inspector Collins explained the basis for the inquiry and the concern that unauthorized workers of unknown identity were working on a critical facility and the potential impact on national security and the financial security of potential victims of identity fraud. Mr. Walker expressed his concern and stated he was willing to assist in any way, but he must first clear his cooperation thru the USACE legal office. Mr. Walker later forwarded me an email he sent to his legal office asking for their opinion.

On Sep 16 and 17, I attempted follow-up with Mr. Walker by email and telephone, but did not receive a reply. I then visited the Eglin AFB OSI Office and spoke to the OSI Superintendent. I explained the issue to him and he agreed it was a critical facility security concern. He stated he would assign an agent to work the case with me.

On Sep 27, 2010, I met with an OSI Special Agent assigned to the case at Eglin AFB. We discussed the legal and protocol issues associated with obtaining the necessary records from USACE in order to carry out the investigation. The OSI Special Agent stated he had begun that process and would be in contact.

The case officer then began periodic surveillance on the complex and various records checks in an attempt to determine how many illegal aliens may be working on the site. Since the official records were not yet available, this attempt produced very little useful information, and no information that was legally sustainable for probable cause.

On Dec 7, 2010, SA Powell of Eglin OSI notified me they had been able to arrange an inspection of records at the USACE office on the complex. The meeting would take place on Dec 8, 2010.

On Dec 8, 2010, I met with SA Powell of OSI and SA Booth of Army CID at Mr. Walkers office. The documents to be inspected consisted of several months worth of payroll time sheets turned in by the contractors. Some of the time sheets contained personally identifying numbers, such as Social Security Numbers (SSN), some contained partial numbers, and some contained no numbers. Only those with full SSNs were of use. We began inspecting the time sheets. On the first contractor, we found 2 out of the 7 available SSNs to be false, and two others to be questionable. On the second contractor's time sheets, we found that 15 of the first 16 names we checked to be either false or questionable. This process took about 3 hours to complete.

At this point we decided the inspection would require more in-depth research, so we obtained copies of the time sheets for the contractor H&S Drywall and departed. I spent the next two days going thru the time sheets and researching the Social Security Numbers. Due to the time involved and the workload it placed on the small staff at the local Social Security office, I

decided to check the last four time sheets for the company. Of the 35 different names listed, we determined that 32 of them were false, stolen, or fictitious and others were questionable. Only one could be shown to be true and correct. While many of the names appeared on different time sheets and different pay periods, there was a noticeable turnover in workers during the time period examined.

During the period Dec 9 thru Dec 15, 2010, Inspector Collins continued the investigation in an undercover capacity.

On Dec 15, 2010 the OCSO initiated an enforcement action at the 7th Special Forces Complex. It was determined that only four workers for H&S Drywall were present, and there would likely be less in the future because the work was nearly finished. We therefore detained the four workers. CONTRERAS-SUAREZ was seen driving a vehicle and was arrested for Driving Without a License. Documents of evidentiary value were seen in his vehicle at the time of arrest, and were seized. One worker was released at the scene, and the others were transported to the Okaloosa County Jail to verify their identities thru the ICE database. Subsequently, two were charged with felonies under 817.568(2)a for using someone else's Social Security Number without permission.

Based on the totality of circumstances, and statements made by CONTRERAS-SUAREZ during post-Miranda questioning, he was also charged with Fraud under 817-568(9) for submitting payroll sheets with Social Security Numbers he knew or should have known were counterfeit or stolen because they are for workers who are not authorized to be in the United States. CONTRERAS-SUAREZ admitted to being an "illegal alien" and therefore knows that other unauthorized aliens cannot obtain Social Security Numbers.

During the investigation, still other issues came to light that suggested the possibility of contract fraud, criminal labor violations, and immigration violations.

After consultation with Eglin OSI, we determined the best course of action would be to close the initial stage of the investigation -- the identity fraud by employees -- and begin a deeper investigation of other issues. The question of other illegal aliens or other persons using false identities at the work site for other contractors would be a part of the continuing investigation.

Additional information will be contained in investigative supplements.

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< END OF NARRATIVE >

**OFFENSE REPORT**  
**OCSO10OFF012739**

**OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
 Printed On: **12/15/2010 @ 13:43**

Offense Status <b>Pending</b>	No -- Cleared # Clearances <b>0</b> Clearance Date Clearance Type Except. Clear. Type Age Classification	Reporting Officer <b>012 COLLINS, GEORGE S</b> <b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>
Warr./Arr. No. <b>OCSO10ARR014054</b>		*Forward for Approval / Followup To : <b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>

Supervisor <b>APPROVED</b> <b>GEORGE S COLLINS</b>		Case Screening Supv.	Investigator <b>012</b> <b>COLLINS, GEORGE S</b>
Date <b>12/15/2010</b>	Time <b>13:26</b>	Yes No No	Concur PtF/U InvF/U
		No No No	Date Time

Report Last Modified **12/15/2010 13:26**





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REPORT NO: OCSO10ARR014052

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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REPORT NO: OCSO10ARR014054

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO10OFF012739	Other No OCSO10CAD170592	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last                      First                      Middle                      Title Race Sex DOB                      Age Hgt Wgt  
**CONTRERAS-SUAREZ**                      **VICTOR**                      **HUGO**                                           **W** **M** **12/5/1984**                      **26** **5'10"** **208**

Eyes Hair MNI Number                      SSN                      I.D. No.                      St                      Type                      OCA/Agency ID  
**BRO** **BLK** **OCSO10MNI020011**                                                                                                                                                    **181917**

Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: MEXICO Citizenship: MEXICO Address

1002 PINEVIEW BLVD Apt/Lot: A FT WALTON FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: EGLIN AFB, Job Title: CONSTRUCTION, Entered: 12/8/2010

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: **12/14/2010 14:47** to **12/14/2010 14:47** Lat / Long  
No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)  
**EGLIN BD/STATE ROAD EGLIN AFB FL 32542 2 - 12 - -**

[ CHARGES ]

817.568.9

FRAUD-IMPERSON

CREATE POSS USE FICTITIOUS PERSONAL ID INFO

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Felony</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>	<b>260D</b>		<b>2604</b>	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On Sep 15 2010 your affiant initiated an investigation regarding the criminal use of personal identifying information by subcontractors and employees at the 7th Special Forces Group Complex, Okaloosa County, Florida. While examining payroll records submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers by H&S Drywall, it was found after verifying through the Social Security Administration that of the 35 names contained in the time sheets for 4 pay periods, 32 identifying numbers were definitely false and 2 were questionable. Two numbers were found to be actual numbers belonging to other persons, and those persons have stated they did not authorize anyone to use their Social Security Number. Further investigation revealed that the owner of the business, VICTOR HUGO CONTRERAS-SUAREZ was not authorized to be in the United States and was not authorized to work, and that he was hiring other persons who were not legally in the United States and not authorized to work. While working in an undercover capacity, your affiant asked workers if they had completed I-9 forms, which are required for work in the United States and is a requirement for work on government contracts. The workers did not know what the form was, stated they did not complete such a form, or were not sure. The I-9 form is used to establish the identity of a worker and would be the source document for a worker's Social Security Number. During post-Miranda questioning, VICTOR HUGO CONTRERAS-SUAREZ did not recognize an I-9 form when showed to him, stated that he owned and operated the business H&S Drywall, that he was responsible for submitting the payroll sheets, and admitted he was in the United States illegally. He also acknowledged knowing the other workers were not legally present in the United States. He knew that illegal workers cannot obtain Social Security Numbers. Therefore, in using the Social Security Numbers appearing on the payroll sheets and associating those numbers with the names of the known illegal workers, VICTOR HUGO CONTRERAS-SUAREZ did willfully and fraudulently create or use counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information with intent of committing or facilitating the commission of a fraud on another, namely, the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Government. In so doing, VICTOR HUGO CONTRERAS-SUAREZ did commit the offense of fraudulent use of counterfeit or fictitious personal identification information concerning a fictitious individual, or concerning a real individual without first obtaining that real individual's

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**consent, a felony of the third degree, in violation of Florida Statute 817.568(9). This offense did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida.**

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Arresting Officer)      **COLLINS, GEORGE S**      **012**  
Name      ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 15 day of December A.D., 2010 by \_\_\_\_\_  
who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature      \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public      \_\_\_\_\_ LEO      \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [ **NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED** ]

[ **ARREST INFORMATION** ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
<b>12/15/2010 09:15</b>	<b>Within jurisdiction</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>No</b>
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Within jurisdiction</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
No.	Di Street	A/L City	ST Zip	Lat / Long
	<b>EGLIN BD/STATE ROAD</b>	<b>EGLIN AFB</b>	<b>FL 32542</b>	
Arresting Officer	Unit	(GEO) 2 - 12 - -	Officer Type	
<b>012 COLLINS, GEORGE S</b>	<b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>			
Reporting Officer	Unit	Original Offense Jurisdiction		
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Forward to for approval				
<b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>				

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: **\$0.00**

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge       None       ROR/Sign  
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[ DISPOSITION ]

Disposition Type Release Type Other Desc
Release Date Release Time Release Officer Printed Printed By
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Released To

Court DispositionType Court Disposition Description

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

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**ARREST REPORT**

**OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

REPORT NO: **OCSO10ARR014049**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO \_\_\_\_\_

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested <b>12/15/2010 09:15</b>	Residency <b>Within state</b>	Injured <b>None</b>	Extent of Injury <b>None</b>	Resist <b>No</b>
	Arrested Prior <b>None</b>	Arrest Jurisdiction <b>Within jurisdiction</b>	Alcohol <b>No</b>	Drugs <b>No</b>
No.	Di Street <b>EGLIN BD/STATE ROAD</b>	A/L <b>EGLIN AFB</b>	City <b>EGLIN AFB</b>	ST Zip <b>FL 32542</b>
Arresting Officer <b>012 COLLINS, GEORGE S</b>		Unit <b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>	(GEO) <b>2 - 12 - -</b>	Officer Type
Reporting Officer <b>012 COLLINS, GEORGE S</b>		Unit <b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>		Original Offense Jurisdiction <b>OCSO</b>
Forward to for approval <b>OCSO/HOMELAND/CRIMINAL INTEL</b>				

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: **\$0.00**

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- ROR
- Cash
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Bond Set by Judge \_\_\_\_\_

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- Cash
- Any
- Pro
- PtrIQ

ROR/Sign

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Purge \_\_\_\_\_

SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 1/18/2011 Time: 1:30

Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE COURTROOM A

[ DISPOSITION ]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
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		<b>No</b>
<u>Released To</u>		
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