

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. **13-20345 GR-MOORE**

21 U.S.C. § 963  
21 U.S.C. § 853

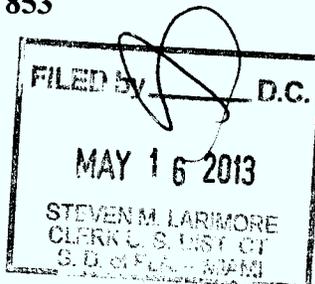
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS,  
a/k/a "Pollo,"

Defendant.



INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

1. The North Valley Cartel (hereinafter "NVC") was a criminal organization based in Colombia whose members engaged in: (a) the illegal trafficking of cocaine to the United States and elsewhere; (b) the laundering of drug proceeds; (c) the bribing of law enforcement officials; and (d) the kidnaping, torture, and murder of informants, rival drug traffickers, and other perceived enemies of the NVC.

2. HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a "Pollo," was a high-ranking military intelligence officer with the Dirección Inteligencia de Militar de Venezuela (Venezuelan Directorate of Military Intelligence) (hereinafter "DIM") and its successor agency.

3. Starting in the early-1990s and continuing through the early-2000s, high-ranking members of the NVC began splintering off and forming rival factions.

4. From at least as early as 1998 until his death on or about January 29, 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, Wilber Varela, a/k/a "Jabon," (hereinafter "Varela") was the leader of one of these NVC factions.

5. In and around 2004, the exact date being unknown to the Grand Jury, Varela relocated his base of operations to the country of Venezuela for reasons including the threat of capture by Colombian law enforcement authorities and the threat of violence from competing narcotraffickers.

6. Several of the high ranking members of Varela's faction also ultimately relocated to Venezuela.

7. From at least as early as in and around 2004 until his death on or about January 29, 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, Varela and other members of Varela's faction sent thousands of kilograms of cocaine from Venezuela to countries such as Mexico, with the knowledge that the cocaine would be unlawfully imported into the United States.

8. From at least as early as in and around 2004 until his death on or about January 29, 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, Varela paid **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a "Pollo,"** and other high-ranking Venezuelan law enforcement and military officials to assist Varela's faction's drug trafficking activities.

9. **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a "Pollo,"** and other high-ranking Venezuelan law enforcement and military officials assisted Varela's faction's drug trafficking activities by, among other things: 1) allowing members of Varela's faction to export cocaine from Venezuela; 2) providing members of Varela's faction with protection from capture; and 3) providing information regarding the activities of Venezuelan military and law enforcement personnel.

10. Following Varela's death, members of his faction continued to pay **HUGO**

**CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a “Pollo,”** and other high-ranking Venezuelan law enforcement and military officials to assist their own drug trafficking activities.

11. In addition to the assistance described above in Paragraphs Nine and Ten, **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a “Pollo,”** sold hundreds of kilograms of cocaine to a member of Varela’s faction.

12. From at least as early as in and around 2004 and continuing through in and around September 2010, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a “Pollo,”** also provided assistance to narcotraffickers and their transportation organizations other than Varela and members of his faction.

13. **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a “Pollo,”** assisted these narcotraffickers and their transportation organizations by, among other things: 1) allowing these narcotraffickers and their transportation organizations to export cocaine from, and import money into, Venezuela; 2) providing these narcotraffickers and their transportation organizations with protection from capture; 3) providing information regarding the activities of Venezuelan military and law enforcement personnel; and 4) investing in cocaine loads being exported from Venezuela.

**(Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine with the Knowledge and Intent  
that it will be Unlawfully Imported into the United States)  
21 U.S.C. § 963**

14. From at least as early as in and around 2004 and continuing through in and around September 2010, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand Jury, in the countries of Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS,  
a/k/a “Pollo,”**

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with Wilber Varela, a/k/a/ "Jabon," and with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute a controlled substance in Schedule II, knowing and intending that such controlled substance would be unlawfully imported into the United States, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a)(1) and 959(a)(2); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 963.

15. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 960(b)(1)(B), it is further alleged that this violation involved five (5) kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine.

#### **FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

16. The allegations of this Indictment are re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant, **HUGO CARVAJAL BARRIOS, a/k/a "Pollo,"** has an interest.

17. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 963, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such violation, and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, such violation, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 853(a)(1) and (2).

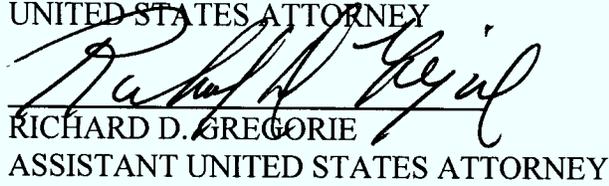
18. All pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as made applicable by Title

21, United States Code, Section 970.

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