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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

4 v.

15 CR 379 (PKC)

5 JUAN ANTONIO HERNANDEZ
6 ALVARADO,

7 Defendant.

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9 New York, N.Y.
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10:00 a.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. P. KEVIN CASTEL,

12 District Judge

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1 Spanish-language interpreter as follows:

2 THE COURT: All right. You may inquire. Thank you.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. BOVE:

5 Q. Where are you from, sir?

6 A. From Honduras.

7 Q. Did you hold any political positions in Honduras?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What was your position?

10 A. Municipal mayor.

11 Q. Where in Honduras were you mayor?

12 A. In El Paraiso Copan.

13 Q. Where do you live now, sir?

14 A. A federal prison.

15 Q. Were you extradited to the United States?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How did you get to this country?

18 A. I surrendered.

19 Q. When approximately did you surrender?

20 A. In the month of March.

21 Q. Of 2019?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Have you pleaded guilty to any crimes?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What crimes?

1 A. Being a leader of a drug gang, trafficking with weapons --
2 no, I apologize, drug trafficking, murders, the use of
3 automatic weapons, money laundering, and cooperating with other
4 drug traffickers in the use of high-powered guns.

5 Q. How many murders are you responsible for?

6 A. 56.

7 Q. Were other people injured but not killed in connection with
8 those attacks?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How many others?

11 A. Six.

12 Q. Have you participated in torture?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you know a man named Tony Hernandez?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I'm going to ask you to stand up and tell us if you see him
17 in court today.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Could you please point him out based on where he is sitting
20 and an article of clothing that he's wearing.

21 A. He is at the second table and he is covered by the
22 computer. He is on the left or right-hand side here.

23 THE COURT: Well, to your right or to your left, sir?

24 THE WITNESS: To my left.

25 THE COURT: Identification noted.

1 MR. BOVE: Thank you, Judge.

2 Q. When approximately did you meet the defendant?

3 A. 2008.

4 Q. Did the defendant help you and your family distribute
5 cocaine after that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. During what years approximately did the defendant help you
8 and your family distribute cocaine?

9 A. 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 until 2019 -- no, I apologize.
10 Until Tony's arrest.

11 Q. About how much cocaine did the defendant help you
12 distribute during that period of time?

13 A. Around 30 to 40 tons of cocaine.

14 Q. Where was that cocaine sent?

15 A. That cocaine was sent to the United States.

16 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please publish
17 Government Exhibit 305.

18 Q. Do you recognize the picture on the screen?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What is that?

21 A. It's a kilo of cocaine with the T and the H.

22 Q. When approximately was the first time that you saw a kilo
23 of cocaine with this stamp, the T and the H?

24 A. In 2011, early in 2011.

25 Q. Did you ever talk to the defendant about this cocaine

1 stamp?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. When, approximately?

4 A. In 2011 Tony Hernandez told me that a cocaine shipment was
5 coming in, one bearing his stamp, Tony's stamp.

6 Q. Have you ever seen the defendant with a gun?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. During the course of your relationship with the defendant
9 between 2008 and his arrest how often was he armed when you saw
10 him?

11 A. I would see him armed all the time.

12 Q. What are some of the types of guns that you saw the
13 defendant with during that period?

14 A. With semiautomatic pistols and AR-15s.

15 Q. Did you notice any modifications to the AR-15 that you saw
16 the defendant with?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was the modification?

19 A. A modification that the AR-15 had was that it had a
20 sawed-off barrel.

21 MR. BOVE: May I approach, Judge.

22 THE COURT: You may.

23 Q. I'm going to show you a picture marked as Government
24 Exhibit 202-R1.

25 MR. BOVE: And I'll ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up for

1 the Court and counsel.

2 Q. Do you recognize what's shown in that picture?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is that?

5 A. A modified AR-15.

6 Q. Other than the base underneath the barrel is this a fair
7 and accurate depiction of the AR-15 that you've just described
8 seeing the defendant with?

9 A. Yes.

10 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the government offers
11 Government Exhibit 202-R1.

12 THE COURT: Any objection?

13 MR. MALONE: Can we go to sidebar, Judge?

14 THE COURT: Sure.

15 MR. MALONE: I do have an objection but I got to sort
16 of state it potentially.

17 THE COURT: Sure. Ladies and gentlemen, please stand
18 up and stretch.

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1 (At sidebar)

2 MR. MALONE: I was trying to resolve it before we got
3 up here.

4 My only objection, Judge, is I wanted to make sure
5 that the record was clear that this witness is not saying that
6 this exhibit is the one he said he saw Tony Hernandez with and
7 I didn't think it was that clear.

8 MR. BOVE: I think the testimony is that other than
9 the tripod base under the barrel he says it does fairly and
10 accurately depict the firearm that he saw the defendant with.

11 I'll just note that we're going to connect this
12 further with the defendant because this is actually a picture
13 seized from the defendant's phone at the time he was arrested.

14 MR. MALONE: I agree with that, it will be from his
15 phone, no issue with that. I just don't want --

16 THE COURT: Well I think the jury heard it depicts --
17 it depicts the firearm that he saw him with. Now I don't know
18 whether that's -- I would not say that was the firearm but the
19 type of firearm.

20 MR. MALONE: Right.

21 THE COURT: All right. And we can clear this -- why
22 don't you ask one question just to clear that up.

23 MR. BOVE: Are you sure whether this is the exact gun.

24 THE COURT: Do you know whether this is.

25 MR. BOVE: Happy to. Thank you.

1 (In open court)

2 Q. Before that break you said that the firearm in this exhibit
3 looks like the type of AR-15 that you saw the defendant with,
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But you're not positive whether this is the exact gun that
7 you saw the defendant holding, right?

8 A. Yes. Well, no, that is the one.

9 MR. BOVE: The government offers 202-R1.

10 MR. MALONE: Objection. I do object.

11 THE COURT: Overruled.

12 (Government's Exhibit 202-R1 received in evidence)

13 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, can you please publish that for
14 the jury.

15 May I approach, Judge?

16 THE COURT: You may.

17 Q. Now, I've placed on the witness stand a document marked for
18 identification as Government Exhibit 203-R4.

19 MR. BOVE: And I'll ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up for
20 the Court and counsel.

21 Q. Do you recognize the gun in this picture, sir?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How do you recognize this gun?

24 A. Tony showed me that gun on a picture.

25 Q. When approximately did the defendant show you a picture of

1 this gun?

2 A. In 2013.

3 Q. And does Government Exhibit 203-R4 fairly and accurately
4 depict the gun that the defendant showed to you in 2013?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the government offers 203-R4.

7 MR. MALONE: No objection.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Government's Exhibit 203-R4 received in evidence)

10 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, would you please publish that
11 for the jury.

12 Q. Did the defendant tell you about other guns that he owned?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What other type of gun did the defendant talk to you about?

15 A. Tony Hernandez talked to me about an M60.

16 Q. What's an M60?

17 A. An M60 is a high-powered gun.

18 Q. Did you know what the defendant's M60 looked like?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How do you know what the defendant's M60 looked like?

21 A. Tony showed me a picture of it.

22 MR. BOVE: May I approach, Judge?

23 THE COURT: You may.

24 Q. I've placed on the witness stand a document marked for
25 identification as Government Exhibit 313.

1 MR. BOVE: And I'll ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up for
2 the Court and counsel.

3 Do you recognize the gun in this picture?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Is this the type of gun that the defendant showed you when
6 he was talking about his M60?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Does this picture fairly and accurately depict the M60 that
9 the defendant showed you?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. MALONE: Judge, can we have a timeframe?

12 THE COURT: Yes. If you will, please, Mr. Bove.

13 Q. When approximately did the defendant show you the picture
14 of his M60?

15 A. Around 2011.

16 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the government offers 313.

17 THE COURT: All right.

18 MR. MALONE: No objection.

19 THE COURT: Received.

20 (Government's Exhibit 313 received in evidence)

21 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst if you could bring that up for
22 the jury, please.

23 Q. When the defendant spoke to you about his M60 what did he
24 say about it?

25 A. Tony Hernandez told me that that gun could go through

1 armored vehicles.

2 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could take that down
3 please and bring up Government Exhibit 110.

4 Q. Do you recognize this man?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who is that?

7 A. Chapo Guzmán.

8 Q. Have you met Chapo?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. When approximately was the last time you saw Chapo Guzmán?

11 A. 2013.

12 Q. Where were you when you last saw him?

13 A. In El Paraiso Copan.

14 Q. In Honduras?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Was the defendant at the meeting?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Were there any payments made during that meeting in El
19 Paraiso?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Describe the payment.

22 A. We all met at a table and it was with Tony Hernandez, Don
23 Amado, Melvin Pinto, me, my brother, Hugo Ardon, Mario Calix,
24 Primo, Otto Salguero, Ronald Salguero.

25 THE INTERPRETER: May the interpreter just confirm

1 with one more participant?

2 MR. BOVE: We can come back to the participants. If
3 the witness can describe the payment.

4 THE COURT: Let the interpreter finish.

5 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter is just clarifying
6 the name of one more participant with the witness, if the
7 witness may.

8 The interpreter believes she may have listed all the
9 participants that the witness did.

10 Q. Please describe what happened at the table in El Paraiso.

11 THE INTERPRETER: May the interpreter, please, add one
12 more name to the previous list that the interpreter
13 inadvertently omitted. Another participant at the meeting was
14 Chapo Guzmán.

15 THE WITNESS: At the table Chapo asked Tony for the
16 number.

17 Q. What happened next?

18 A. Chapo told Tony that he would be giving him one million
19 dollars for Juan Orlando's campaign.

20 Q. Did you see a million dollars that day?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What did you see?

23 A. Chapo asked Don Amado to go to the car and bring in the
24 money. It was then laid out on the table. We counted the

25 money. The money was contained in plastic bags. And it was in

1 fifty-thousand and one-hundred-thousand-dollar bundles.

2 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say that he was going
3 to do with Chapo's million dollars?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told Chapo that that money was for Juan
5 Orlando Hernandez's campaign.

6 Q. You mentioned a lot of names and we're going to come back
7 to those but I'd like to take a step back first.

8 How old are you?

9 A. 43 years old.

10 Q. How far did you go in school?

11 A. 5th grade.

12 Q. When approximately did you get involved in drug
13 trafficking?

14 A. In 2002.

15 Q. Do you go by any nicknames?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What are they?

18 A. Chande and Double A.

19 Q. What types of cocaine trafficking activities did you
20 participate in?

21 A. I participated in the sale and purchase of cocaine
22 transportation and methamphetamines.

23 Q. Do you help distribute methamphetamine as well?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Were you also involved in receiving cocaine shipments in

1 Honduras?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you use weapons to protect these drugs?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What kinds of weapons did you use?

6 A. AR-15s, M16s, AK-47s and bazookas.

7 MR. BOVE: May I approach, Judge.

8 THE COURT: You may.

9 Q. I'm showing you a document marked for identification as
10 Government Exhibit 314.

11 MR. BOVE: And I'll ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up for
12 the Court and counsel, please.

13 Q. Do you recognize the weapon in this photo?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Does Government Exhibit 314 fairly and accurately depict
16 the weapon you described as a bazooka?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. BOVE: Your Honor the government offers 314.

19 MR. MALONE: No objection.

20 THE COURT: Received.

21 (Government's Exhibit 314 received in evidence)

22 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could bring that up for
23 the jurors, please.

24 Thank you. You can take that down.

25 Q. About how much cocaine did you help import into the United

1 States between 2002 and 2019?

2 A. I don't understand the question.

3 Q. I am asking you to estimate, sir, the amount of cocaine
4 that you and your family imported into the United States.

5 A. Around some 250 tons.

6 Q. Did any of your relatives participate in these crimes?

7 THE INTERPRETER: For the interpreter again, please.

8 Q. Did any of your relatives participate in these crimes?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Which relatives?

11 A. Hugo Ardon, Oscar Leiva and Leonel Leiva.

12 Q. What about brothers-in-law?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How many brothers-in-law?

15 A. Melvin Pinto, Jorge Doblado and Johnny Caballero.

16 Q. Is Melvin Pinto one of the persons that you described
17 earlier as being at the meeting with the million-dollar payment
18 from Chapo to the defendant?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. You also mentioned earlier that the defendant talked to you
21 about a cocaine stamp with his initials, TH. Did you have a
22 cocaine stamp?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did your cocaine stamp look like?

25 A. A Double A.

1 Q. Did you have access to any cocaine labs in Honduras?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did you use those labs for?

4 A. I used those labs to rebuild the kilos of cocaine that came
5 in falling apart and those that came in wet.

6 Q. Did you ever talk to the defendant about the labs in
7 Honduras?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When approximately did you talk to the defendant about the
10 labs in Honduras?

11 A. Around 2011.

12 Q. What did you say to the defendant about the labs?

13 A. I don't understand the question.

14 Q. When you talked to the defendant about the labs what did
15 you tell him?

16 A. I asked Tony if he had a lab in Lempira.

17 Q. The Lempira department of Honduras?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How, if at all, did the defendant respond to that question?

20 A. Tony told me that he too had a lab in Lempira.

21 Q. Did the defendant say anything about what he was using his
22 lab for in Lempira?

23 A. Yes. He told me that to rebuild kilos.

24 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, may I approach?

25 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

1 Q. I'm showing you a picture marked for identification as
2 Government Exhibit 103.

3 MR. BOVE: And I'll ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up for
4 the Court and counsel.

5 Q. Do you recognize this man, sir?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What is his name?

8 A. Wilter Blanco.

9 Q. Does this picture fairly and accurately depict Wilter
10 Blanco?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the government offers 103.

13 MR. MALONE: No objection, Judge.

14 THE COURT: Received.

15 (Government's Exhibit 103 received in evidence)

16 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst if you could bring that up for
17 the jury, please.

18 Q. Who is Wilter Blanco?

19 A. A drug trafficker partner of mine.

20 Q. What types of drug trafficking activity did Blanco do with
21 you?

22 A. Wilter Blanco would receive drugs for me. I bought drugs
23 from him. And he would provide me with security.

24 Q. During what years approximately did you and Blanco engage
25 in those crimes?

1 A. Wilter Blanco and I started working together in 2004.

2 Q. When did you --

3 A. In drug trafficking.

4 Q. Thank you. I'm sorry.

5 When did you stop?

6 A. When Wilter Blanco was arrested.

7 Q. Was that in 2016?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
10 Government Exhibit 3.

11 Q. What departments in Honduras did Blanco operate in the
12 most?

13 A. (No response).

14 Q. And if you could please circle them on the screen there.

15 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, indicating that Gracias a Dos
16 department, Colon and Atlantida on the map.

17 THE COURT: Wait a minute. Let the interpreter
18 translate the answer and then we can proceed.

19 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you, Judge.

20 THE WITNESS: Wilter Blanco was in the department of
21 Gracias Lempira -- I apologize, Gracias a Dios, Colon and
22 Atlantida.

23 Q. Are you familiar with the Honduran drug-trafficking
24 organization known as the Cachiros?

25 THE COURT: Stop. Ladies and gentlemen, that's where

1 we're going to take our midafternoon break. Enjoy your lunch
2 and you know what I'm going to tell you -- please, remain
3 seated and silent.

4 You know what I'm going to tell you next. Please do
5 not discuss the case among yourselves or with anyone. Please
6 have a very pleasant lunch and see you back for a two o'clock
7 sharp start.

8 (Jury excused)

9 THE COURT: Have a pleasant lunch. You may step down.

10 (Witness excused)

11 (Luncheon recess)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

(2:00 p.m.)

(Jury present)

THE COURT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Let me know if the climate in the courtroom is not to your liking, we'll do something about that. But we're back in action.

Mr. Bove, you may continue.

MR. BOVE: Thank you, Judge.

Ms. Hurst, please bring up Government Exhibit 103.

BY MR. BOVE:

Q. Sir, before the lunch break we were talking about this man, Wilter Blanco.

A. Yes.

Q. And I think you said that he was one of your drug trafficking partners between 2004 and his arrest in 2016.

A. Yes.

MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you bring up Government Exhibit 3 now, please?

Q. What departments in Honduras did Blanco operate in?

A. Gracias a Dios, Colon and Atlantida.

MR. BOVE: Your Honor, I underlined the names of those departments on Government Exhibit 3.

THE COURT: You have underlined them?

MR. BOVE: Yes, Judge.

THE COURT: Thank you.

1 Q. Are you familiar with the Honduran drug trafficking
2 organization known as the Cachiros?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you ever talk to the defendant about the Cachiros
5 organization?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When, approximately, did you talk to the defendant about
8 the Cachiros?

9 A. In approximately 2010.

10 Q. What did the defendant say about the Cachiros during that
11 2010 conversation?

12 A. Tony Hernandez asked me whether we were going to have any
13 problems with the departments because the Cachiros ran things
14 there in drug trafficking.

15 Q. How did you respond?

16 A. I told Tony Hernandez that those departments were being run
17 by the Cachiros together with Wilter Blanco.

18 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter would like to ask
19 the witness to repeat the last few words that he said because
20 he was very quiet.

21 THE COURT: You may proceed. Go ahead.

22 A. And Wilter Blanco, they controlled those departments for
23 drug transportation.

24 Q. Which departments?

25 A. Gracias a Dios, Colon and Atlantida.

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1 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, please bring up Government
2 Exhibit 121 on the left and 122 on the right.

3 Q. Do you recognize these men?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Starting with Exhibit 121 on the left, who are they?

6 A. Luis Valle.

7 Q. Is that Government Exhibit 121?

8 A. Luis Valle.

9 Q. And Exhibit 122?

10 A. Arnulfo Valle.

11 Q. Are these men related?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How?

14 A. They are brothers.

15 MR. BOVE: Now please bring up Government Exhibit 3 on
16 the left and 5 on the right, please.

17 Q. Where in Honduras are the Valle brothers based?

18 A. The Valles were in the Department of Copan in a place
19 called Espiritu.

20 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, on Government Exhibit 5, please
21 zoom in on the cities in the Copan Department.

22 Q. Is this Espiritu?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Where did you say that you were the mayor?

25 A. In El Paraiso, Copan.

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1 Q. Is that listed on the map on the right of the screen?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you engage in drug trafficking with the Valle brothers?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. During what years, approximately?

6 A. I began working with the Valles in 2004.

7 Q. When did you stop?

8 A. At the time of the Valles' arrest.

9 Q. Was that in 2014?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What types of cocaine trafficking activities did you do
12 with the Valle brothers?

13 A. The Valles and I sold drugs to some Mexicans, and I would
14 charge the Valles to bring kilos of cocaine through Paraiso.

15 Q. Did the Valles have a worker named Tono Frontera?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What types of things did Frontera do for the Valles cartel?

18 A. He would control the drug trafficking route of the cocaine
19 for the Valles, the transportation.

20 Q. During the course of your drug trafficking, did you sell
21 cocaine to Guatemalans?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Who were some of the Guatemalans that you sold cocaine to?

24 A. I would sell to Eliu Lorenzana, Juancho Leon, Otto Salguero
25 and Ronald Salguero.

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 Q. You mentioned Ronald Salguero and Otto Salguero?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Were they related?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How?

6 A. They were first cousins.

7 Q. Where in Guatemala were the Salguero cousins based?

8 A. In Amates, Izabal.

9 Q. Do you see Los Amates on the map, Government Exhibit 5, on
10 the right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is that on the border with Guatemala and Honduras?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you and the Salguero cousins work with any Mexicans to
15 distribute cocaine?

16 A. Yes.

17 MR. BOVE: And Ms. Hurst, you can take these down,
18 please.

19 Q. Who were some of the Mexicans you and the Salgueros worked
20 with?

21 A. Chapo Guzman, Don Amado, and Fernando.

22 Q. Did Don Amado and Fernando work for Chapo?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you mentioned Chapo Guzman a couple of times today.
25 When, approximately, did you meet him?

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1 A. The first time I met Chapo Guzman was in 2007.

2 Q. About how many times in total did you have face-to-face
3 meetings with Chapo?

4 A. Six.

5 Q. When, approximately, did those six meetings take place?

6 A. From 2007 until 2013.

7 Q. Did you engage in drug trafficking with Chapo?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What types of things did you and Chapo do?

10 A. We provided transportation to him and we sold cocaine to
11 Chapo.

12 Q. Are you familiar with the media network called Televisa.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did Chapo use the name of that network in connection with
15 drug trafficking?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did Chapo do?

18 A. Chapo Guzman used Televisa trucks. He used Televisa
19 trucks, six of them. They would come to Los Amates, Izabal,
20 the Televisa trucks.

21 Q. What did Chapo do with the Televisa trucks in Los Amates?

22 A. Those trucks were loaded with cocaine and went to Mexico.

23 Q. When, approximately, did you first learn about Chapo's
24 Televisa trucks?

25 A. 2007.

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 Q. How did you learn about the Televisa trucks?

2 A. Chapo Guzman told me.

3 Q. Where was that meeting?

4 A. In El Paraiso, Copan, Honduras.

5 Q. Did Chapo also meet with the Valle brothers on that trip?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When you talked to Chapo in 2007, what, if anything, did he
8 say about how much cocaine in total his Televisa trucks could
9 transport?

10 A. Chapo Guzman told me that those trucks, those Televisa
11 vehicles, were capable of transporting 6,000 kilos of cocaine.

12 Q. Was that meeting in 2007 when you and Chapo discussed the
13 specific route of the Televisa trucks?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What did Chapo say about where that cocaine was going?

16 A. Chapo told me that that cocaine was going into the United
17 States.

18 Q. Did you agree to provide Chapo with cocaine for the
19 Televisa shipments?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. How much cocaine per shipment did you commit to providing
22 Chapo?

23 A. I committed to 2,000 kilos of cocaine for those trucks,
24 those Televisa vehicles, with Chapo Guzman.

25 Q. In between 2007 and 2013, about how many times did you

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 provide two tons of cocaine to Chapo for the Televisa trucks?

2 A. Around six times.

3 Q. Did the defendant supply cocaine for any of those
4 shipments?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How many times?

7 A. Two.

8 Q. Was that in 2011?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. We're going to come back to those. But were there other
11 ways that you sent cocaine to Chapo between 2007 and 2013?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How else did you transport cocaine to Chapo?

14 A. In cattle trucks.

15 Q. Where did you deliver that cocaine?

16 A. Los Amates, Izabal, Guatemala.

17 Q. So the Salguero cousins?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. About how many times did you send cocaine to Amates --
20 excuse me, to the Salgueros in cattle trucks?

21 A. I don't remember the exact number of times, but it was once
22 or twice a month.

23 Q. Between 2007 and 2013?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what was the approximate size of those shipments?

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 A. Those shipments were from 500 kilos to a thousand.

2 Q. You've talked about transporting cocaine using cattle
3 trucks.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you ever use dump trucks?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. During what period?

8 A. From 2007 until 2014.

9 Q. How much cocaine could one of those dump trucks carry?

10 A. The dump truck would hold 750 to 780 kilos of cocaine.

11 Q. Now we've talked about ways that you sold cocaine to Chapo.
12 Did you ever help him transport cocaine within Honduras?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. What was the route within Honduras that you helped Chapo
15 transport cocaine on?

16 A. From San Pedro Sula to El Paraiso to Amates, Izabal.

17 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, please bring up Government
18 Exhibit 5.

19 Q. Do you see San Pedro Sula on this map?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Could you please touch the screen and underline it with
22 your finger.

23 Where did you help transport Chapo's cocaine from San
24 Pedro Sula?

25 A. To El Paraiso, Copan.

1 Q. Did you pass through La Entrada?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Please underline La Entrada on Government Exhibit 5.

4 Then you said you brought the cocaine to the town
5 where you were mayor, El Paraiso.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Would you please underline El Paraiso.

8 Then I think you said you delivered the cocaine to the
9 Salgueros in Los Amates, Guatemala.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Could you please underline Los Amates on Government
12 Exhibit 5.

13 During what years, approximately, did you help
14 transport Chapo's cocaine within Honduras along this route?

15 A. From around 2010 until 2012.

16 Q. About how many times did you transport cocaine for Chapo
17 during that period?

18 A. On some occasions once a month or twice.

19 Q. What was the approximate size of the shipments that you
20 helped transport for Chapo?

21 A. 1,000 kilos of cocaine.

22 Q. Did the defendant help transport that cocaine?

23 A. Tony Hernandez provided security for that cocaine.

24 Q. How many of the shipments that you transported for Chapo
25 within Honduras did the defendant provide security for?

JA7THER3

Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 A. I don't understand the question.

2 Q. You said that you helped transport Chapo's cocaine once or
3 twice a month from San Pedro Sula to Los Amates.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You said that you did that between 2010 and 2012.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You said the defendant provided security for some of those
8 shipments.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. My question is: How many of those shipments did the
11 defendant provide security for?

12 A. Tony Hernandez provided security for all those shipments.

13 Q. What types of things did the defendant do to provide
14 security for Chapo's cocaine?

15 A. Tony Hernandez provided security with someone called Primo,
16 and he would give information about whether there were any
17 police checkpoints between San Pedro and La Entrada.

18 Q. Now I think that's the second time today that you referred
19 to someone named Primo.

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
22 Government Exhibit 111.

23 Q. Who is this?

24 A. Primo.

25 Q. Did you ever talk to the defendant about Primo?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did the defendant say about why he was called Primo?

3 A. I don't understand the question.

4 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say about whether he
5 was related to the man on the screen.

6 A. Tony would just say to me that he was a cousin.

7 Q. Now we were talking about Chapo's cocaine being transported
8 through Honduras.

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Was the defendant paid for the times that he helped provide
11 security for that cocaine?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How much, approximately, was the defendant paid?

14 A. Tony Hernandez was being paid \$50 per kilo of cocaine.

15 Q. During what years were you the mayor of El Paraiso?

16 A. I was mayor from 2006 until 2014.

17 Q. Have you ever interfered with an election in Honduras by
18 fraud?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. During what years were the Honduran elections that you
21 interfered with by fraud?

22 A. 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017.

23 Q. Generally speaking, what did you do to interfere with those
24 elections?

25 A. I would pay bribes.

1 Q. What did you use to pay the bribes?

2 A. Money.

3 Q. About how much in total did you spend on bribes to
4 interfere with Honduran elections?

5 A. The bribes that were made, the bribes that I made, the
6 biggest one was \$2 million.

7 Q. Did you pay bribes more than once?

8 A. Besides the \$2 million bribe, yes, I paid other bribes to
9 mayors and members of congress.

10 Q. And when you paid those bribes, what political party were
11 you supporting?

12 A. The National party of Honduras.

13 Q. Did you ever speak to the defendant about the bribes?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What about Juan Orlando Hernandez, the defendant's brother?

16 A. I don't understand the question.

17 Q. Did Juan Orlando Hernandez ever ask you to pay bribes in
18 furtherance of National party elections in Honduras?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you bring up Government
21 Exhibit 502, please.

22 Q. Who is listed in the top row on the screen.

23 A. That's me.

24 Q. What about the row below that?

25 A. Hugo, my brother.

1 Q. Did he participate in drug trafficking?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did you have any role in Hugo Ardon getting the position
4 described on this chart?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did you do?

7 A. I met with Don Pepe Lobo.

8 Q. What did you do with Pepe Lobo in order to get your brother
9 this position?

10 A. I bribed him.

11 Q. What about in the election after Pepe Lobo was elected?

12 A. I met with Don Pepe Lobo in 2008.

13 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, may I approach?

14 THE COURT: You may.

15 Q. I'm showing you a picture marked for identification as
16 Government Exhibit 304, and I will ask Ms. Hurst to publish
17 this for the Court and counsel.

18 Do you recognize this?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What is it?

21 A. El Paraiso, Copan's mayor's office.

22 Q. Does Government Exhibit 304 fairly and accurately depict
23 the mayor's office in El Paraiso?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. BOVE: Your Honor, the government offers 304.

1 MR. MALONE: No objection, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Received.

3 (Government's Exhibit 304 received in evidence)

4 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, bring that up for the jury,
5 please.

6 Q. When, approximately, did construction on this building
7 start?

8 A. The mayor's office construction started around 2007.

9 Q. Did you help pay for the construction of this building?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What did you use to pay for that?

12 A. Drug trafficking money.

13 Q. Did you conduct drug negotiations in this building?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did you ever show it to Chapo?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you own properties in Honduras that you used for drug
18 trafficking?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How many, approximately?

21 A. Around five ranches what were used for incoming drug
22 trafficking shipments.

23 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you bring up Government
24 Exhibit 5, please.

25 Q. Do you see La Playona, Honduras on this map?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you have a property near La Playona?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did you call that property?

5 A. It was called the Rio Lindo Ranch.

6 MR. BOVE: May I approach, Judge?

7 THE COURT: You may.

8 MR. BOVE: I'm showing you a map marked for
9 identification as Government Exhibit 7, and I will ask
10 Ms. Hurst to bring this up for the Court and counsel.

11 Q. Do you recognize the area shown in this map?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And what is in the yellow box on Government Exhibit 7?

14 A. The Rio Lindo Ranch.

15 Q. Does Government Exhibit 7 fairly and accurately depict that
16 ranch from overhead?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. BOVE: The government offers Government Exhibit 7.

19 MR. MALONE: Without objection, Judge.

20 THE COURT: Received.

21 (Government's Exhibit 7 received in evidence)

22 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could rotate this
23 counterclockwise and publish it for the jury, please.

24 I hope us get oriented. If you could move this to the
25 right and on the left bring up Government Exhibit 5 again.

1 Can you zoom in on the area around the border.

2 Q. You said a moment ago that this property is near La
3 Playona.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did you use this property for?

6 A. That ranch was used to transport the cocaine from Honduras
7 to Guatemala.

8 Q. How did you use this ranch to transport cocaine into
9 Guatemala?

10 A. That ranch was used because it evaded certain Honduran
11 police checkpoints, and the red line is the Honduran/Guatemalan
12 border.

13 Q. Did you ever use this ranch to receive drug shipments?

14 A. I don't understand the question.

15 Q. Did planes ever bring cocaine to this ranch?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How?

18 A. We built -- I and some Guatemalans built an airstrip such
19 that small airplanes could land there.

20 Q. You said this morning that you met the defendant in 2008?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Where did you first meet the defendant?

23 A. In La Entrada, Copan.

24 Q. Do you see La Entrada on the map on the right?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Why were you in La Entrada at that point in 2008?

2 A. We were attending a National party political meeting.

3 Q. Did you and the defendant talk about drug trafficking
4 during your first meeting?

5 A. No.

6 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say about his brother,
7 Juan Orlando?

8 A. Tony Hernandez said that if the elections were won, that
9 Juan Orlando Hernandez would be president of the congress.

10 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up page 2
11 of Government Exhibit 502 in the main window.

12 Q. You said the met the defendant in 2008?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And discussed an election upcoming in 2009?

15 A. Yes.

16 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if we could take a look at page
17 3 now, and if we could zoom in on the top row.

18 Q. You mentioned Pepe Lobo once or twice already. Do you know
19 this man?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you have any private meetings with Pepe Lobo in 2008?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Where was your first meeting with Lobo in 2008?

24 A. In San Pedro Sula.

25 Q. Where in San Pedro Sula?

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 A. At a heliport.

2 Q. During that meeting did Lobo ask you for anything?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did he ask for?

5 A. Don Pepe Lobo asked me to provide financial support for the
6 National party campaign for his campaign, and he asked me to
7 provide him support through all the mayors in the Department of
8 Copan.

9 Q. Did Lobo mention Juan Orlando Hernandez during that part of
10 the conversation?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What did he say about Juan Orlando?

13 A. Don Pepe Lobo told me if the National party did win the
14 elections that he would become president and Juan Orlando would
15 be the president of the congress.

16 Q. I think you used the term "financial support."

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Did Lobo name an amount during the meeting at the heliport?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How much did he ask for?

21 A. Don Pepe Lobo told me that he needed \$2 million for his and
22 Juan Orlando Hernandez's National party campaign.

23 Q. And during that meeting did you agree to do what Lobo had
24 asked?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you ask him for anything in return?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What?

4 A. I asked Don Pepe Lobo that if they did win the elections,
5 for me to be provided with protection in drug trafficking, a
6 position in Pepe Lobo's administration, and highway paving from
7 Florida to El Paraiso, Copan.

8 Q. Who did you ask to be put in a position in the Lobo
9 administration should he win?

10 A. I did not understand the question. I apologize.

11 Q. Who did you ask Pepe Lobo to appoint?

12 A. Hugo, my brother.

13 Q. After the meeting with Lobo at the heliport, did you make
14 any payments?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you do?

17 A. I gave Don Pepe a million dollar payment.

18 Q. What kind of money did you use to make the payment?

19 A. I gave that money to Don Pepe Lobo in \$1, \$50, and \$100
20 bills, and it was in bundles that were wrapped in plastic, and
21 they were bundles of 50 and \$100,000.

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 Q. Who delivered that cash to Pepe Lobo?

2 A. A worker of mine.

3 Q. What was his name?

4 A. Elias Hernandez.

5 Q. Did you have another private meeting with Lobo this time in
6 2009?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Where was the meeting in 2009?

9 A. In San Pedro Sula.

10 Q. Where in San Pedro Sula?

11 A. At the National Party headquarters.

12 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could move this part of
13 the exhibit to the top of the screen and in the bottom bring up
14 page 2 of Government Exhibit 502 and zoom in on row 4.

15 Q. Who was at the 2009 meeting at the National Party
16 headquarters?

17 A. Don Pepe Lobo, Juan Orlando and I were there.

18 Q. During that meeting what, if anything, did Lobo say about
19 the first million dollar payment.

20 THE WITNESS: don Pepe Lobo told me that he had
21 received the one million dollars.

22 Q. Was Juan Orlando present when you said that to Pepe Lobo?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Was the Department of Copan discussed during this meeting
25 in 2009?

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What, if anything, did Juan Orlando say about Copan?

3 A. Juan Orlando Hernandez told me to tell all National Party
4 mayors and candidates to vote the ticket line for all
5 congressmen so that we could have the majority within Congress.

6 Q. Was Hugo Ardon discussed during this meeting in 2009?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What, if anything, did Pepe Lobo say about Hugo Ardon?

9 A. Don Pepe Lobo told me that the position that could be given
10 to Hugo would be that of highway director, the director of what
11 is called Fondo Vial.

12 Q. During this 2009 meeting at the National Party headquarters
13 was the topic of protection for your drug trafficking
14 discussed?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was said about protection for your drug trafficking?

17 A. Don Pepe Lobo told me this if the National Party did win
18 that I would be protected in drug trafficking and that such
19 that the prosecutor's office would not investigate me.

20 Q. Was there any discussion during the 2009 meeting about
21 making additional payments?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. What was said about additional payments?

24 A. Don Pepe Lobo told me that the next meeting would be in
25 Santa Rosa de Copán and there he would tell me where and when I

1 should deliver the second payment to him.

2 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, you can take those down, please.

3 Q. Did you meet with the defendant after the meeting you've
4 just described with Pepe Lobo and Juan Orlando Hernandez?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. About how much time passed before that meeting with the
7 defendant?

8 A. I don't remember how long.

9 Q. Was it weeks or months?

10 A. Around 22 days to a month.

11 Q. Where were you when you spoke to the defendant next?

12 A. In Santa Rosa de Copán.

13 Q. Why were you in Santa Rosa de Copán at that point in 2009?

14 A. Because there were some National Party meetings there.

15 Q. Did you talk privately to the defendant while you were in
16 Santa Rosa in 2009?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And during that private conversation did the defendant
19 mention any Colombians?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What did the defendant say about Colombians?

22 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he had some Colombians that he
23 had met through the Valles.

24 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say about what those
25 Colombians were doing?

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Ardon Soriano - Direct

1 A. That the Colombians could sell him drugs, cocaine.

2 Q. You said that the defendant also referred to the Valles?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you understand him to be referring to the Valle
5 brothers that we spoke about earlier today?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. During this meeting in 2009 did you talk to the defendant
8 about the upcoming election?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say about how the 2009
11 elections might impact your drug trafficking?

12 A. Tony Hernandez told me that if the National Party won the
13 election that he would have access to radars in Honduras for
14 the distribution of cocaine.

15 Q. Did you make anymore payments after the meeting with the
16 defendant that you've just described?

17 A. I don't understand the question.

18 Q. After the conversation with the defendant that you just
19 discussed did you send a second million dollars to Pepe Lobo?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Describe how you made that second payment.

22 A. That payment to Don Pepe Lobo was delivered by Elias
23 Hernandez. The money was in plastic bags and it was delivered
24 in a red Mazda vehicle.

25 Q. How much money did you send?

1 A. One million dollars.

2 Q. Do you remember the coup in Honduras in 2009?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Did you have any private meetings with the defendant after
5 the coup?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. About how long after the coup?

8 A. About some twelve days after the coup.

9 Q. During that meeting what, if anything, did the defendant
10 say about the coup?

11 A. Tony Hernandez told me that it was a sure thing that the
12 National Party would win the elections and that we just needed
13 to wait until Pepe Lobo and Juan Orlando Hernandez took office
14 to see who would become the minister of security.

15 Q. Did the defendant ask any questions during this meeting
16 about drug routes?

17 A. Yes.

18 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could bring up Government
19 Exhibit 3, please.

20 Q. What did the defendant ask about drug routes?

21 A. Tony Hernandez asked me in what departments it was that I
22 was receiving drugs, the cocaine.

23 Q. How did you respond?

24 A. I told Tony Hernandez that I was receiving drugs -- that I
25 was receiving cocaine in the departments of Gracias a Dos,

1 Colon, Atlantida, de Copán El Paraiso.

2 Q. When you say to El Paraiso Copan, what do you mean?

3 A. That the drugs that I was receiving in those three
4 departments, the route or where I was selling the drugs was El
5 Paraiso Copan.

6 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you move this up to the
7 top of the screen, please. And on the bottom bring up the
8 demonstrative, Government Exhibit 500.

9 If you could zoom in along the illustrated drug route,
10 please.

11 Q. Do you see El Paraiso on this map?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Right now in Government Exhibit 500 it's on the bottom left
14 of the screen.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. During this conversation with the defendant did you talk to
17 him about any of your coconspirators?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Who did you mention?

20 A. I told Tony Hernandez who --

21 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's correction.

22 That my partners who provided security were Wilter
23 Blanco and someone called Chino.

24 Q. At the end of this conversation with the defendant did you
25 agree to meet with him again?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What did the defendant say you would discuss at the next
3 meeting?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told me that at the next meeting we would
5 discuss the prices and that we would discuss the price of the
6 cocaine and the transportation for the cocaine that he was
7 going to sell me.

8 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up page 2
9 of Government Exhibit 502 in the main window.

10 Zoom in on row 4 again.

11 Q. So I think you said that Juan Orlando Hernandez was
12 reelected to Congress in 2009.

13 A. Juan Orlando became president in two thousand and -- yes.

14 Q. President of the National Congress?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Did you talk with Juan Orlando Hernandez following the 2009
17 election?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. I'd like to focus on December 2009. Did you have a call
20 with him?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. During that call what, if anything, did Juan Orlando ask
23 you to do?

24 A. Juan Orlando Hernandez told me that I should bribe -- that
25 I should get.

1 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's correction.

2 That I should bribe the three National Party members
3 of Congress from Copan and get them to vote for him as
4 president of Congress.

5 Q. After that call what, if anything, did you do based on Juan
6 Orlando's request?

7 A. I bribed the three members of Congress who were members of
8 the National Party from Copan to vote for Juan Orlando
9 Hernandez.

10 Q. After you paid those bribes did you talk to Juan Orlando
11 again?

12 A. Yes. I called him.

13 Q. What did you tell Juan Orlando during that call?

14 A. I told Juan Orlando that the three members of Congress from
15 Copan were going to vote in his favor.

16 Q. After you said that to Juan Orlando did he say anything
17 about protection?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did Juan Orlando say to you about protection?

20 A. Juan Orlando Hernandez told me that the protection that I
21 had discussed with Don Pepe and Juan Orlando was going to be
22 given to me and my family.

23 Q. Protection for what?

24 A. For drug trafficking.

25 Q. Did Juan Orlando say anything about your brother Hugo

1 during this telephone call?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did Juan Orlando say about Hugo?

4 A. Juan Orlando Hernandez told me that Juan Orlando and Pepe
5 Lobo were waiting to become established, Pepe Lobo as president
6 and Juan Orlando as the president of the National Congress in
7 order to install Hugo in the Fondo Vial.

8 Q. Did Juan Orlando become the president of Congress in 2010?

9 A. Yes.

10 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, let's
11 take our break. What am I going to tell you?

12 Please do not discuss the case -- please be seated in
13 the back. And silent.

14 And keep an open mind. There is more coming. Thank
15 you.

16 (Recess)

17 THE COURT: Please remain standing for our jury.

18 (Jury present)

19 THE COURT: Mr. Bove, you may continue whenever you're
20 ready.

21 MR. BOVE: Thank you, Judge.

22 BY MR. BOVE:

23 Q. Sir, before the break you were testifying about a phonecall
24 that you had with Juan Orlando Hernandez in early 2010. Do you
25 recall that?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Did you have any meetings in person with the defendant in
3 that timeframe?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Where was the meeting?

6 A. In San Pedro Sula.

7 Q. Who was at the meeting?

8 A. Mario Calix, Primo, Hugo, my brother, and I, and Tony were
9 there.

10 Q. Was the defendant armed during the meeting in San Pedro
11 Sula?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How was the defendant armed?

14 A. With a semiautomatic pistol.

15 Q. Did you and the defendant talk about cocaine pricing during
16 that meeting in San Pedro Sula?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What was said about price?

19 A. I told Tony Hernandez that what I wanted to earn for each
20 kilo of cocaine was one thousand dollars.

21 Q. How did you plan to make one thousand dollars per kilogram
22 of cocaine?

23 A. I told Tony that I could pay him around ten thousand
24 dollars per kilo and then I could sell it in Guatemala for
25 eleven thousand dollars per kilo.

1 Q. Did you and the defendant talk about Chapo Guzmán during
2 the meeting in 2010?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What was said about Chapo during the meeting?

5 A. I told Tony Hernandez that Chapo was being given loads.

6 THE INTERPRETER: Interpreter's correction.

7 Cocaine shipments of five hundred kilos and more and
8 that Chapo Guzmán needed security for drug transportation from
9 San Pedro to El Paraiso.

10 Q. Did you tell the defendant what Chapo was doing with those
11 cocaine shipments?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did you tell him?

14 A. I told Tony Hernandez that the cocaine that was being sold
15 to Chapo Guzmán was sold by him in the United States.

16 Q. Did the defendant propose any cocaine shipments during this
17 meeting in early 2010?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did the defendant propose?

20 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he could sell me 280 kilos of
21 cocaine which he was going to bring to Honduras by helicopter.

22 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
23 Government Exhibit 2.

24 Q. When the defendant told you that he was going to bring the
25 cocaine to Honduras by helicopter did he say anything about the

1 countries the cocaine would pass through on the way?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did the defendant say?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told me that the cocaine would be coming up
5 the coast of Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Honduras.

6 Q. During this meeting did you talk to the defendant about
7 where in Honduras the cocaine could be received?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
10 Exhibit 3.

11 Q. During this conversation with the defendant what was said
12 about where in Honduras his cocaine could be received?

13 A. I told Tony Hernandez that we could receive this cocaine in
14 the Department of Gracias a Dios at a place named Suvalo.

15 Q. When you said that to the defendant did you mention any
16 particular drug workers?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Who did you mention?

19 A. I told Tony Hernandez that Chino would be in charge of
20 receiving the cocaine by helicopter.

21 Q. During the meeting in 2010 did you talk with the defendant
22 about what would happen with the cocaine after it arrived in
23 Gracias a Dios?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What was said about that topic?

1 A. Tony Hernandez told me that when the cocaine arrived in
2 Gracias a Dios then he would send a helicopter to pick up the
3 cocaine.

4 Q. And was there an agreement about where the cocaine would be
5 brought after the defendant's helicopter picked it up?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What was the agreement?

8 A. Tony Hernandez told me that the cocaine would be brought to
9 the department of El Paraiso Copan and he asked if I could pay
10 for the cocaine just as soon as the helicopter arrived in
11 Copan.

12 Q. Did you agree to do that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did the defendant send you a cocaine shipment after that
15 meeting?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. How many kilos were in the first shipment?

18 A. 280.

19 Q. How do you know that those 280 kilos came from the
20 defendant?

21 A. Because my worker Chino called me to tell me that the
22 cocaine had arrived in the department of Gracias a Dos.

23 Q. Were you also in contact with the defendant during the
24 transportation of the cocaine?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. How did you communicate with the defendant during the
2 transportation?

3 A. He would call me or send me messages.

4 Q. Did you see any of the cocaine that the defendant sent in
5 this first shipment of 280 kilos?

6 A. I don't understand the question.

7 Q. Did you help receive the shipment in Copan?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. How did the 280 kilos arrive in Copan?

10 A. By helicopter.

11 Q. What did the helicopter look like?

12 A. The helicopter was a blue helicopter.

13 Q. Who provided the pilots for the helicopter that arrived in
14 Copan?

15 A. Tony Hernandez.

16 Q. Do you remember any part of the registration number painted
17 on the tail of the helicopter?

18 A. All that I saw was an N.

19 Q. What happened when the helicopter arrived with the
20 280 kilos in El Paraiso?

21 A. I was there with my workers in two cars. We unloaded the
22 cocaine and then loaded it onto one of the vehicles that had a
23 double cab.

24 Q. Did you have any security in the area where the helicopter
25 landed with the drugs?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. About how many men provided security?

3 A. Around seven men.

4 Q. Were they armed?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. How?

7 A. They had AR-15s, M16s, AK-47s, and bazooka.

8 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst could you please bring up
9 Government Exhibit 14.

10 Q. Is this what you're referring to as a bazooka?

11 A. Yes.

12 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could move this to the
13 top, please. And zoom in on the picture so we can still see
14 it. Thank you.

15 And in the bottom window bring up Government Exhibit
16 303. Zoom in on that one.

17 Q. You mentioned M16s?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you recognize this weapon?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What is this?

22 A. An AR-15.

23 Q. Did you describe this security at the airstrip to the
24 defendant when this cocaine shipment was coming?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Why?

2 A. I told Tony Hernandez that when the helicopter landed that
3 when it arrived to us that I would take responsibility and that
4 I would provide security for the helicopter and the load of
5 cocaine.

6 Q. Did you tell him how the men would be armed?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now I think you said that when the helicopter landed you
9 unloaded the cocaine into a truck?

10 A. In a double-cabin vehicle, a pick-up.

11 Q. Did you put anything into the defendant's helicopter?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What?

14 A. I loaded the money for the cocaine onto the helicopter.

15 Q. What did you do with the cocaine after it arrived in El
16 Paraiso?

17 A. We transported it in the two vehicles to Guatemala to
18 Amates, Izabal.

19 Q. Who took the cocaine in Amates?

20 A. Don Amado, Otto Salguero and Ronald Salguero.

21 Q. Who did those men work for?

22 A. They worked for Chapo Guzmán.

23 Q. Did the defendant send more cocaine shipments to you by
24 helicopter?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. I'd like to focus on the period between 2010 and 2012, OK?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. During that period about how often did the defendant send
4 cocaine shipments to you that arrived in Honduras by
5 helicopter?

6 A. Once a month or at times twice.

7 Q. And now focusing on 2010. What was the approximate size of
8 the cocaine shipments that the defendant sent to Honduras in
9 helicopters?

10 A. The shipment by helicopter in 2010 was 320 kilos of
11 cocaine.

12 Q. Were there additional shipments by helicopter in 2010?

13 A. No.

14 Q. During the period between 2010 and 2012 did the defendant
15 use any other helicopters in connection with these shipments?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did the other helicopter look like?

18 A. It was a black helicopter.

19 Q. And then focusing on 2010 to 2012. About how often did you
20 meet with the defendant to discuss these cocaine shipments?

21 A. We would meet once or twice for each deal, for each cocaine
22 shipment.

23 Q. Did other people sometimes attend these meetings?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Who were some of the other people that sometimes came to

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1 your meetings with the defendant relating to cocaine shipments?

2 A. Mario Calix, Primo and Tony would come and with me Hugo and
3 Melvin and myself would come.

4 Q. You referred to Melvin. Is that Melvin Pinto?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Did Melvin Pinto have any relatives who also participated
7 in your drug trafficking?

8 A. I don't understand the question.

9 Q. Did Melvin Pinto have any brothers who participated in the
10 drug trafficking?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What were their names?

13 A. Melvin Pinto's brothers were named Daniel Pinto, Hugo
14 Pinto, Orlando Pinto, Byron Pinto and Giovany Pinto.

15 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, please put up Government Exhibit
16 502 and zoom in on the bottom row and if you could move that to
17 the bottom of the screen and on the top and bring up Government
18 Exhibit 105. If you could zoom in on that a bit.

19 Q. You mentioned a man named Mario Calix?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recognize the man shown in Government Exhibit 105 on
22 the top?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Who is that?

25 A. Mario Calix.

1 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, in the main window could please
2 bring up Government Exhibit 111. If you could zoom in on that
3 a bit.

4 Q. Is this the Primo that you mentioned earlier?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. BOVE: Thank you. You can take that down.

7 Q. In 2011 did the defendant change the way that he was
8 sending cocaine to you in Gracias a Dos?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What changed?

11 A. It was changed from helicopters to boats; by water, by sea.

12 Q. Did the defendant explain why he changed from using
13 helicopters to boats?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Did he explain that to you in early 2011?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did he say?

18 A. Tony Hernandez told me that the amounts of cocaine that
19 were coming by helicopter shipment were very small and that by
20 boat he was going to be able to ship a larger amount of
21 cocaine.

22 Q. Did the defendant send cocaine shipments to you by boat in
23 2011?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How many kilos did the defendant send in the first

1 shipment?

2 A. 700 kilos of cocaine.

3 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
4 Government Exhibit 4.

5 Q. Where did the boat with the defendant's 700 kilos arrive in
6 Honduras?

7 A. It came to a place in Gracias a Dios called Caratasca.

8 Q. Is that shown on the map in the top right corner?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What happened with the defendant's cocaine once it arrived
11 in Caratasca?

12 A. Wilter Blanco would receive it.

13 Q. What did Blanco do with the defendant's cocaine?

14 A. Wilter Blanco would transport it to a place called Suvalo.

15 Q. What happened once the cocaine reached that area?

16 A. Tony Hernandez would send a helicopter to pick up the
17 cocaine.

18 Q. Could the defendant's helicopter carry all of the
19 700 kilos?

20 A. No.

21 Q. So what did you and the defendant do to transport the
22 cocaine further?

23 A. The helicopter transported the 350 on one day and then the
24 next day it transported the other 350.

25 Q. Where were those two installments of 350 kilos brought in

1 Honduras?

2 A. To El Paraiso Copan.

3 Q. What did you do with the 700 kilos once all of it arrived?

4 A. I transported them to Amates, Izabal in Guatemala.

5 Q. Who took the cocaine in Amates?

6 A. Don Amado, Otto Salguero and Ronald Salguero received it.

7 Q. Did the defendant send more cocaine shipments by boat in
8 2011?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. About how often in 2011 did the defendant send cocaine
11 shipments to Honduras by boat?

12 A. On occasion, once a month.

13 Q. And what was the approximate size of the shipments that the
14 defendant sent to Honduras by boat?

15 A. The largest shipment of cocaine that Tony Hernandez sent by
16 boat was 1,600 kilos of cocaine.

17 Q. I want to focus now on the period between 2011 and 2012,
18 all right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. During that period when the defendant sent cocaine to
21 Honduras in boats, how was it transported after it arrived in
22 Honduras?

23 A. When the cocaine shipment was large, over a thousand kilos,
24 it was transported by truck, by ground.

25 Q. Over what route to reach El Paraiso?

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1 A. Leaving the department of Colon, going through Atlantida,
2 San Pedro Sula, up until El Paraiso, Copan.

3 Q. While that cocaine was being transported in trucks, was
4 there security?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who provided the security?

7 A. Tony Hernandez, Wilter Blanco, and I provided it.

8 Q. Who participated in -- strike that.

9 Who helped escort the cocaine shipments?

10 A. Tony Hernandez's cousin protected them.

11 Q. Was the security escorting the cocaine shipments while they
12 were driven in the truck armed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. How?

15 A. M16s and AR-15s.

16 Q. Now a few minutes ago you described the security team that
17 you had when receiving a helicopter shipment in El Paraiso. Do
18 you remember that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you said that the security team in El Paraiso had
21 AK-47s, AR-15s, M16s, and bazookas.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Were your security teams in El Paraiso always armed that
24 way?

25 A. Yes.

1 MR. BOVE: You can take that down, Ms. Hurst.

2 Q. Now, let's stay focused on 2011. Did you sell cocaine to
3 Chapo Guzmán for the Televisa truck shipments that you
4 described earlier during 2011?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Who were some of the people who supplied the cocaine for
7 Chapo's Televisa shipments in 2011?

8 A. Tony Hernandez, Joel -- I'm sorry, no. Noel and Wilter
9 Blanco.

10 Q. Did the Valle brothers supply any of the cocaine for
11 Chapo's Televisa shipments?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. You mentioned the defendant. Did you talk to him before
14 the first Televisa shipment in 2011?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you tell the defendant about that shipment?

17 A. I asked Tony if he had any shipment coming in that week or
18 that month because the Televisa transport would be in Amates,
19 Izabal shortly.

20 Q. How did the defendant respond when you asked him that?

21 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he was awaiting a cocaine
22 shipment around those days and that the amount was between one
23 thousand to fifteen hundred kilos.

24 Q. Did the defendant's cocaine shipment later arrive in
25 Honduras?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Where in Honduras did the defendant send that shipment?

3 A. Tony Hernandez sent that cocaine shipment to a place called
4 Francia Colon, the department of Colon.

5 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst could you bring up Government
6 Exhibit 4, please.

7 Q. You said Francia as in the Colon department.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did that cocaine arrive in Honduras by plane or boat?

10 A. By boat.

11 Q. How much cocaine did the defendant send in that shipment?

12 A. 1,300 kilos of cocaine.

13 Q. Who controlled the landing point on the water near Francia?

14 A. Tito Montes, the Montes family.

15 Q. Was that another drug trafficking group in Colon?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did you do with the defendant's cocaine after it
18 arrived in Francia?

19 A. That cocaine was transported by truck to Copan.

20 Q. Where in Copan?

21 A. El Paraiso Copan.

22 Q. Who provided the security for the ground transportation of
23 the defendant's 1300 kilos to El Paraiso?

24 A. Tony Hernandez, Wilter Blanco and I provided security.

25 Q. Did you see that security team at some point?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who helped escort that cocaine to El Paraiso?

3 A. That cocaine was escorted by Tony Hernandez's cousin up to
4 Florida, Copan.

5 Q. Is that near La Entrada?

6 A. Yes. Eight kilometers from there.

7 Q. Did you see whether the security team was armed when the
8 drug shipment arrived in Florida?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. How were they armed?

11 A. With rifles, with rifles.

12 Q. Now you mentioned that someone named Primo was part of the
13 security team.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is that the same Primo you've mentioned previously today?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. About how many people were with him on the security team?

18 A. In the car with Primo there were four people but the
19 security in total had three cars.

20 Q. Based on the types of cars and the clothing, could you tell
21 where those people worked?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Where?

24 A. With the police.

25 Q. The Honduran National Police?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Were you responsible for security for that cocaine from
3 Florida to El Paraiso?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Once the cocaine reached El Paraiso did you inspect any of
6 the kilos in the shipment?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Did you see any cocaine stamps that you recognized when you
9 inspected some of those 1300 kilos?

10 A. Yes.

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1 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please --

2 BY MR. BOVE:

3 Q. I guess before we do that, what stamps did you recognize?

4 A. A TH stamp and rabbits.

5 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could we bring up 305, please.

6 Q. Is this the TH stamp that you're referring to?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You said that the defendant sent you 1300 kilos that
9 arrived in El Paraiso?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And I think you said earlier that you committed to
12 providing Chapo 2,000 kilos, two tons, per Televisa shipment.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who supplied the rest of the cocaine for your 2,000-kilo
15 commitment?

16 A. Noel sold me the remainder kilos.

17 Q. Who is Noel?

18 A. Noel is a drug trafficker that lives in Saba, Honduras.

19 Q. You said there was a second Televisa shipment in 2011?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did the defendant supply cocaine for that second shipment?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How many kilos of cocaine did the defendant send you for
24 the next Televisa shipment in 2011?

25 A. Tony Hernandez sent me 1,600 kilos of cocaine.

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1 Q. Where did that cocaine arrive in Honduras?

2 A. It arrived at one of my ranches called Las Brisas.

3 Q. Where is that?

4 A. In Paraiso, Copan.

5 Q. Before the cocaine reached El Paraiso, where did the boat
6 land?

7 A. In Francia, in the Department of Colon.

8 Q. And did security for the cocaine from Francia to El Paraiso
9 work in the same way as the shipment you just described?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did you inspect any of the 1,600 kilos that arrived in El
12 Paraiso?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you see any cocaine stamps that you recognized in this
15 shipment?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What did you see?

18 A. The TH stamp, Nike, kind of a stick figure stamp, and a
19 star.

20 Q. You referred to the TH stamp. Did it look like the stamp
21 that's on the screen in Government Exhibit 305?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. BOVE: Thank you, Ms. Hurst, you can take that
24 down.

25 Q. Did you know a man named Franklin Arita?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Who was Franklin Arita?

3 A. Franklin Arita was a drug trafficker from Copan.

4 Q. Where in Copan was Arita based?

5 A. Arita was based in Santa Rita, Copan.

6 Q. Is that near Copan Ruines?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could we take a look at
9 Government Exhibit 4, please.

10 Q. Do you see Copan Ruines on this map?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. How close is Copan Ruines to the border with Guatemala?

13 A. Some five kilometers, around five kilometers from Copan
14 Ruines to the border.

15 Q. Did you have any conflicts with Franklin Arita in 2011?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What was the problem?

18 A. The problem with Franklin Arita was that he told me that he
19 no longer wanted me to go through with the cocaine through his
20 territory, Santa Rita.

21 Q. Did you talk to the defendant about your conflict with
22 Arita in 2011?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What did you tell the defendant?

25 A. I told Tony Hernandez that I had a problem in Copan, that

1 Franklin Arita didn't want me to go through Santa Rita with the
2 cocaine.

3 Q. How did the defendant respond when you told him that?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told me that Franklin Arita had to be
5 killed.

6 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say about how Arita
7 should be killed?

8 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he was going to talk with the
9 police chief in the Department of Copan. His name is Tigre
10 Bonilla.

11 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, could you please bring up
12 Government Exhibit 104.

13 Q. Who is this?

14 A. Tigre Bonilla.

15 Q. After the conversation that you just described, did you
16 talk to the defendant again about Arita?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. About how much time passed before your next conversation
19 with the defendant relating to Arita?

20 A. Tony called me about three days later.

21 Q. During that phone call, what did the defendant say about
22 Arita?

23 A. Tony Hernandez told me that Tigre Bonilla had some people
24 monitoring or watching Franklin Arita there in Santa Rita.

25 Q. After that call, what happened to Arita?

1 A. Well, he was killed.

2 Q. Did you talk to the defendant about the murder of Arita
3 after it happened?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What did the defendant say about Arita's murder during that
6 conversation?

7 A. Tony Hernandez told me that Franklin Arita had been killed
8 by Tigre Bonilla.

9 MR. BOVE: You can take that down, Ms. Hurst.

10 THE COURT: How much more do you have to go, Mr. Bove?

11 MR. BOVE: A significant amount, Judge. I expect it
12 will carry into tomorrow.

13 THE COURT: That's not the question that I asked or
14 the reason that I asked it.

15 MR. BOVE: I apologize.

16 THE COURT: Do you have a time estimate?

17 MR. BOVE: Under two hours.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 BY MR. BOVE:

20 Q. I would like to focus now on 2012. Did you have any
21 meetings with Chapo Guzman that year?

22 THE INTERPRETER: Could you please repeat the question
23 for the interpreter?

24 Q. Did you have any meetings with Chapo Guzman that year?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Where?

2 A. In Guatemala.

3 Q. Who was at the meeting in Guatemala with Chapo?

4 A. Ronald Salguero, Otto Salguero, Don Amado and I and Chapo
5 were there.

6 MR. BOVE: May I approach, Judge?

7 THE COURT: You may.

8 Q. I'm showing you a document marked for identification as
9 Government Exhibit 115.

10 MR. BOVE: And I will ask Ms. Hurst to bring that up
11 for the Court and counsel.

12 Q. Do you recognize the person in this picture?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Who is it?

15 A. Jairo Orellana.

16 Q. Does Government Exhibit 115 fairly and accurately depict
17 Jairo Orellana?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. BOVE: The government offers Exhibit 115.

20 MR. MALONE: Without objection.

21 THE COURT: Received.

22 (Government's Exhibit 115 received in evidence)

23 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you bring that up for the
24 jurors, please.

25 Q. Who is Jairo Orellana?

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1 A. Jairo Orellana is a very powerful drug trafficker in
2 Guatemala.

3 Q. During the 2012 meeting in Guatemala with Chapo, was there
4 a conversation about Orellana?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. What did Chapo say about Orellana?

7 A. Chapo Guzman told me that Jairo Orellana had stolen one
8 shipment of cocaine from him in Guatemala, and that Jairo
9 Orellana was going to be taking over the Guatemala/Honduras
10 border.

11 Q. Did Chapo say where that robbery took place?

12 A. The only thing that Chapo told me was that it had been in
13 the Department of El Peten.

14 Q. After Chapo said that, did you make any proposals?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did you suggest?

17 A. I told Chapo Guzman that Jairo Orellana would not take over
18 the Guatemalan border and the Honduran border because I was
19 going to be talking with President Pepe Lobo for him to provide
20 me protection in drug trafficking on the Guatemalan and
21 Honduran border.

22 Q. After that meeting in Guatemala, did you talk to the
23 defendant about Orellana?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What did you say to the defendant about Orellana?

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1 A. I told Tony Hernandez that Jairo Orellana was going to take
2 control over the Honduras/Guatemala border and that I needed
3 security at that border.

4 Q. What, if anything, did the defendant say after you told him
5 that?

6 A. Tony Hernandez told me that in order to get that security
7 with the police, President Pepe Lobo was the only one who could
8 give the order.

9 MR. BOVE: Ms. Hurst, if you could move this up to the
10 top, please, and in the bottom bring up Government Exhibit 501.

11 If you could zoom in on the third row.

12 Q. Did you talk to Pepe Lobo in 2012 about Jairo Orellana?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. After that conversation, did Pepe Lobo do anything?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What did he do?

17 A. Don Pepe Lobo sent security. He sent two trucks of
18 soldiers from the army to the border to El Paraiso, Copan.

19 Q. How close were the soldier to the Rio Lindo Ranch that you
20 described earlier?

21 A. They were about four -- about three kilometers away. They
22 came to a village called La Playona.

23 Q. Did you see the soldiers there on the border?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How many soldiers did you see?

1 A. Around 120 soldiers.

2 Q. Were they armed?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How?

5 A. They were carrying M16s, M60s and bazookas.

6 Q. For about how long were those Honduran soldiers in Copan?

7 A. Around two months.

8 Q. Did Jairo Orellana take over any of your drug territory
9 during that time frame?

10 A. No.

11 MR. BOVE: You can take that down, Ms. Hurst.

12 Q. Let's stay in 2012. Did you talk to the defendant about
13 the possibility of extradition that year?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What did the defendant tell you?

16 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he was no longer going to sell
17 me the cocaine, and that he would only provide the service of
18 renting helicopters and providing security.

19 Q. Before we talk about the rentals, did the defendant say
20 anything about extradition during this conversation?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What did the defendant say about extradition in 2012?

23 A. Tony Hernandez told me that he would not be extradited to
24 the United States.

25 Q. Did you ask the defendant about the possibility of you

1 being extradited?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How did the defendant respond to that question?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told me that as long as the National party
5 remained in power, I would not be extradited to the United
6 States.

7 Q. You said that during this conversation there was also a
8 discussion about renting helicopters?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did the defendant explain why he was not going to supply
11 you with cocaine anymore?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What did he say?

14 A. Tony Hernandez told me that it was necessary to be careful
15 with the cocaine business.

16 Q. Did the defendant mention his political campaign?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What did he say about his campaign?

19 A. He told me that he was going to run -- that he was going to
20 try to work as a congressman in the national congress, and that
21 his brother was going to run for election as the president.

22 Q. What was said about renting helicopters during this
23 conversation?

24 A. For him to rent me the helicopters to transport cocaine.

25 Q. How much did the defendant charge you to use his

1 helicopters to transport cocaine?

2 A. \$50,000 per trip.

3 Q. Who provided the pilots for those cocaine shipments?

4 A. Tony Hernandez.

5 Q. In addition to the rentals, did the defendant help protect
6 the cocaine?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How?

9 A. When Tony rented the helicopters to me, he would make sure
10 on radar that the helicopters did not get intercepted.

11 Q. Were the helicopters that you rented in 2012 the same or
12 different from the ones that you had used previously?

13 A. They were the same ones.

14 Q. And I want to focus now on the period between 2012 and
15 2014.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. During that period, about how many times did you pay the
18 defendant to use his helicopters to transport cocaine?

19 A. I don't understand the question.

20 Q. How often did you rent helicopters from the defendant to
21 transport cocaine?

22 A. Sometimes once a month and sometimes twice a month.

23 Q. What was the approximate size of the cocaine shipments that
24 you used the defendant's helicopters for?

25 A. 350 kilos of cocaine was the largest amount that a

1 helicopter could get off the ground with.

2 Q. Did you pay the defendant to use his helicopters to
3 transport anything else between 2012 and 2014?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What else?

6 A. Money.

7 Q. Money from what?

8 A. Drug trafficking money.

9 Q. How much did the defendant charge to use his helicopters to
10 transport drug money?

11 A. Tony Hernandez would charge me \$20,000 to transport money.

12 Q. About how many times did you use the defendant's
13 helicopters to transport money between 2012 and 2014?

14 A. At times it would be transported once a month.

15 Q. You've mentioned today a drug worker in eastern Honduras
16 who you knew as Cheno?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Were there any problems related to Cheno in 2013?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What happened?

21 A. Cheno was arrested between the Departments of Gracias a
22 Dios and Colon.

23 Q. Did you talk to the defendant about Cheno's arrest?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What did the defendant say about Cheno?

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1 A. I told Tony Hernandez that Cheno, the one who received the
2 helicopters, was in jail in the Department of Colon.

3 Q. What did the defendant say after you told him that?

4 A. Tony Hernandez told me that Cheno would have to be murdered
5 because he was the one who was in charge of all the information
6 about the helicopters.

7 Q. Did you agree with that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you talk to anyone else about murdering Cheno after the
10 conversation with the defendant?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Who?

13 A. I talked to Wilter Blanco.

14 Q. What, if any, instructions did you give to Blanco about
15 Cheno?

16 A. I told Wilter Blanco that Cheno had to be murdered.

17 Q. What happened to Cheno?

18 A. He was murdered.

19 Q. Is that also in 2013?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Where was Cheno murdered?

22 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, that's
23 where we're going to hold you in suspense overnight. I hope
24 you have a pleasant evening, relax, safe trip home, safe trip
25 in tomorrow morning. I commend you for doing a great job in