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EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 ROSA VENTURA, and
CLAUDIA GONZALES,
15 Defendants.
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CASE NO. 1:25-cr-00015-KES-BAM
18 U.S.C. § 1201(c) – Conspiracy to Kidnap;
18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1) – Kidnapping;
18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and (g) – Kidnapping
Involving a Child; and
18 U.S.C. § 981(A)(1)(C) – Criminal Forfeiture.

17 INDICTMENT

18 COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 1201(c) – Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping]

19 The Grand Jury charges that:

20 Beginning at a time unknown to the Grand Jury, but no later than by, in, or about May 9, 2024, and
21 continuing thereafter until on or about January 21, 2025, in California and elsewhere in the Eastern
22 District of California, in Mexico, and elsewhere,

23 ROSA VENTURA,
24 CLAUDIA GONZALES

25 defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with each
26 other and with other persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to unlawfully seize, confine,
27 kidnap, abduct, and carry away Confidential Victim 1 and Confidential Victim 2 against their will, and
28 the defendants did intentionally transport Confidential Victim 1 and Confidential Victim 2 across state

1 lines, travel in foreign commerce in committing or in furtherance of the commission of the kidnapping,
2 and use a means, facility, or instrumentality of interstate commerce in committing or in furtherance of
3 the commission of the kidnapping.

4 Confidential Victim 2 had not attained the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense. The
5 defendants have attained the age of eighteen years and are not a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt,
6 uncle, or individual having legal custody of Confidential Victim 2.

7 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1201(c), (a)(1), and (g) .

8 COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1) – Kidnapping]

9 The Grand Jury charges:

10 ROSA VENTURA,
11 CLAUDIA GONZALES

12 defendants herein, on or about May 8, 2024, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of
13 California, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, kidnap, abduct, inveigle, carry away and hold
14 Confidential Victim 1 against her will, and the defendants did intentionally transport Confidential
15 Victim 1 across state lines, travel in foreign commerce in committing or in furtherance of the
16 commission of the kidnapping, and use a means, facility, or instrumentality of interstate commerce in
17 committing or in furtherance of the commission of the kidnapping.

18 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a)(1).

19 COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. §§ 1201(a)(1) and (g) – Kidnapping Involving Children]

20 The Grand Jury charges:

21 ROSA VENTURA,
22 CLAUDIA GONZALES

23 defendants herein, on or about May 8, 2024, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of
24 California, did unlawfully and willfully seize, confine, kidnap, abduct, inveigle, carry away and hold
25 Confidential Victim 2 against her will, and the defendants did intentionally transport Confidential
26 Victim 2 across state lines, travel in foreign commerce in committing or in furtherance of the
27 commission of the kidnapping, and use a means, facility, or instrumentality of interstate commerce in
28 committing or in furtherance of the commission of the kidnapping.

Confidential Victim 2 had not attained the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense. The

1 defendants have attained the age of eighteen years and are not a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt,
2 uncle, or individual having legal custody of Confidential Victim 2.

3 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1201(a)(1) and (g).
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5 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) – Criminal Forfeiture]

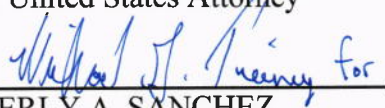
6 1. Upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Two, defendants ROSA
7 VENTURA and CLAUDIA GONZALES shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United
8 States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real
9 or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense(s), and a money
10 judgment in any amount to be determined, representing the amount of property, real or personal, which
11 constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the offense of conviction and a money judgment in an
12 amount to be determined, representing the forfeitable property.
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14 A TRUE BILL.

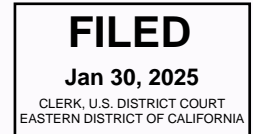
15 /s/ Signature on file w/AUSA
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A true bill,

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Foreman.

Filed in open court this _____ day

of _____, A.D. 20 _____

Clerk.

Bail, \$ _____ AS PREVIOUSLY SET _____

B. McAuliffe

1/30/25

AO 257
(CAED rev. 4/2024)

Matter in USAO prior to Feb. 7, 2024 (KES conflict) YES NO

PER 18 U.S.C. 3170

DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION -- IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY COMPLAINT INFORMATION INDICTMENT
 SUPERSEDING: CASE No.

Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Judge Location (City)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

OFFENSE CHARGED

- Petty
- Minor
- Misdemeanor
- Felony

Place of offense
Fresno County

U.S.C. Citation _____
Please see charging document

DEFENDANT -- U.S. vs.

ROSA VENTURA

Address

Birth Date

- Male Alien
- Female (if applicable)

(Optional unless a juvenile)

PROCEEDING

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)

TIBADUX / HSI

person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court, give name of court _____

this person/proceeding is transferred from another district per FRCrP 20 21 40. Show District _____

this is a re prosecution of charges previously dismissed which were dismissed on motion of:

U.S. Att'y Defense

SHOW DOCKET NO. _____

this prosecution relates to a pending case involving this same defendant _____

prior proceedings or appearance(s) before U.S. Magistrate Judge regarding this defendant were recorded under

MAGISTRATE JUDGE CASE NO.
1:24-mj-00139

Name and Office of Person Furnishing Information on THIS FORM

MELINA ORTIZ

U.S. Att'y Other U.S. Agency

Name of Asst. U.S. Att'y (if assigned)

ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

DEFENDANT

IS NOT IN CUSTODY

1) Has not been arrested, pending outcome of this proceeding

If not detained, give date any prior summons was served on above charges _____

2) Is a Fugitive

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IS IN CUSTODY

4) On this charge

5) On another conviction

6) Awaiting trial on other charges Fed'l State

If answer to (6) is "Yes," show name of institution _____

Has detainer been filed? Yes No

If "Yes," give date filed

Mo. Day Year

DATE OF ARREST

Or . . . if Arresting Agency & Warrant were not Federal

Mo. Day Year

DATE TRANSFERRED TO U.S. CUSTODY

This report amends AO 257 previously submitted

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

Preliminary Examination set for 2/5/2025

United States v. Rosa Ventura
Penalties for Indictment

COUNT 1:

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1201(c) – Conspiracy to Kidnap

PENALTIES: Life in prison;
Fine of up to \$250,000; or both fine and imprisonment
Supervised release of 5 years

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

COUNT 2:

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Supervised release of 5 years

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100 (mandatory on each count)

COUNT 2:

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1) – Kidnapping

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FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) – Criminal Forfeiture

PENALTIES: As stated in the charging document