



**Kidnapping, Ransom Demands, and more...**  
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**CASE SPOTLIGHT**

**United States v. Salgado-Nunez**  
**24-cr-247**

**What's the Basis?:** According to the factual basis, shortly before midnight on October 1, 2024, the defendant and co-defendants restrained a victim inside an apartment in New Orleans East. The victim's hands and feet were bound, and the victim was held against his will for several hours while ransom demands were made to the victim's father.

The defendants used a cellular phone to place repeated calls and WhatsApp communications demanding approximately \$7,000 in exchange for the victim's release. More than 60 calls were made during the early morning hours and threats were issued if payment was not made. The defendants ultimately agreed to accept a Toyota Tacoma truck and cash as partial ransom payment. Law enforcement monitored the exchange, where an intermediary accepted approximately \$3,000 on behalf of the defendants. The victim was later released and reportedly suffered bruises consistent with being bound.

**What's the Violation?:** Salgado-Nunez pled guilty to various charges, including **Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping, Kidnapping, Interstate Transmission of Ransom Demand, Conspiracy to Receive Ransom Payment, and Receipt of Ransom Payment**, in violation of **18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 875, 1201(a)(1), and (c), and 1202(a)**.

**What's the Punishment?:** The Honorable Judge Barry W. Ashe sentenced **Salgado-Nunez to 264 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.**

**This Week's Other Matters**

**U.S. V. ANGELORI, 25-CR-153**

**Charge:** Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 1028A)

**Sentence:** **1 year and 1 day of imprisonment** and 1 year of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Jane Triche Milazzo

**U.S. V. BRUCE, 24-CR-104**

**Charge:** Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime  
(18 U.S.C. § 924,(c)(1)(A)(i)

**Sentence:** **60 months of imprisonment** and 5 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

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**U.S. V. LAJOIE, 25-CR-251**

**Charge:** Possession with Intent to Distribute 5 grams or more of Methamphetamine; Distribution of Methamphetamine

(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), and (b)(1)(C))

**Sentence:** 142 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Wendy B. Vitter

**U.S. V. KNOX, 25-CR-072**

**Charge:** Felon in Possession of a Firearm Affecting Interstate Commerce

(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 924(a)(8))

**Sentence:** 57 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Susie Morgan

**U.S. V. TOLIVER, 25-CR-248**

**Charge:** Possession with Intent to Distribute a Mixture and Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance

(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B))

**Sentence:** 120 months of imprisonment and 8 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

**U.S. V. CONNER, 23-CR-054**

**Violation of Mandatory Conditions of Supervised Release:** *Testing Positive for Illicit Drugs; Arrested on Unrelated Charges;*

**Sentence:** 14 months of imprisonment and 12 months of Supervised Release.

**Judge:** Honorable Lance M. Africk

**U.S. V. VALERIO-SENTENO, 25-CR-160**

**Charge:** Re-entry of a Removed Alien

(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))

**Sentence:** TIME SERVED.

**Judge:** Honorable Barry W. Ashe

**U.S. V. WEST 25-CR-031**

**Charge:** Destruction of Mail by Postal Employee

(18 U.S.C. § 1703(a))

**Sentence:** 1 year of Probation.

**Judge:** Honorable Carl J. Barbier

**U.S. V. RANDALL, 20-CR-080**

**Violation of Special and Mandatory Conditions of Supervised Release:** *Testing Positive for Illicit Drugs; Arrested on Unrelated Charges; Possessing a Firearm; Failure to Make Restitution Payments.*

**Sentence:** 4 months of imprisonment and 32 months of Supervised Release.

**Judge:** Honorable Lance M. Africk

**U.S. V. WILLIAMS, 24-CR-066**

**Charge:** Possession of Stolen Firearm

(18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 924(a)(2))

**Sentence:** 30 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Jane Triche Milazzo

**U.S. V. MONDRAGON-FLORES, 24-CR-247**

**Charge:** Conspiracy to Commit Kidnapping, Kidnapping, Interstate Transmission of Ransom Demand, Conspiracy to Receive Ransom Payment, and Receipt of Ransom Payment, Assault on a Federal Officer  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 875, 111(a)(1), 1201(a)(1), and (c), and 1202(a))

**Sentence:** 330 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Barry W. Ashe