

Jilmar Ramos-Gomez: Timeline of Events

November 21, 2018 (Wednesday):

8:32 a.m. Jilmar Ramos-Gomez was arrested for an incident at Spectrum Hospital where he trespassed on the helipad after damaging a keypad. There was scorching under a sprinkler and some burnt items were found in his backpack. The forms of identification Mr. Ramos Gomez had with him when he was arrested, according to the Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD) Police Report and Inventory Property List, included his:

- U.S. passport, which states that he was born in Michigan;
- U.S. Marine Corps tags; and
- REAL ID-compliant driver license, which one cannot obtain unless one is lawfully present in the United States and which also identified him as a veteran.¹

Mr. Ramos-Gomez was subsequently booked into the Kent County Correctional Facility.

5:00-6:00 p.m. GRPD Captain Curt Vanderkooi, who was off-duty and watching the news at home, saw reports regarding Mr. Ramos-Gomez's arrest during either the 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. evening news.² WOOD TV 8 aired a story at 6:02 p.m. that day, detailing Mr. Ramos Gomez's arrest, which included a booking photo in which Mr. Ramos Gomez is recognizably Latino. His last name is recognizably Latino as well.³

7:40 p.m. Captain VanderKooi sent an email to ICE agent Derek Klifman, asking: "Could you please check his status?" A description of the arrest from an internal GRPD "Shift Summary" was pasted into the message.⁴

¹ Grand Rapids Police Department Incident Report Form, at ACLU-040 to ACLU-044; Grand Rapids Police Department Supplemental Crime Scene Report, at ACLU -073 to ACLU-074; Photograph of Jilmar Ramos-Gomez's U.S. Passport, at ACLU-1009; Photograph of Jilmar Ramos-Gomez's Marine Corp Tags, at ACLU-1010; Kent County Correctional Facility, Property Inventory Sheet, at ACLU-1038; Kent Count Property Release Statement, at ACLU-1040.

² Grand Rapids Police Department, Internal Affairs Unit, Complaint Disposition Report, at ACLU-991.

³ See <https://www.woodtv.com/news/grand-rapids/suspect-arrested-after-hospital-incident-in-gr/1611179571>.

⁴ E-mail from Curt VanderKooi to Derek Klifman, at ACLU-012.

November 22, 2018 (Thursday, Thanksgiving):

1:08 a.m. Kent County employee Karen Johnson sent a log of arrests for November 21 to ICE (ice-gr-cap@dhs.gov, scott.d.hall@ice.dhs.gov) and to the Department of Justice. The arrest log ICE received showed that Mr. Ramos-Gomez's country of birth is "USA".⁵

November 23, 2018 (Friday):

6:27 a.m. ICE Agent Derek Klifman forwarded Captain VanderKooi's message without further comment to ICE Agent Matthew Lopez, a deportation officer with ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations Division, which is responsible for deporting foreign nationals.⁶

7:17-7:18 a.m. ICE Agent Lopez received results from a query of the CBP/DHS NNSV database regarding Mr. Ramos-Gomez, which listed his place of birth as "MICHIGAN." Responsive information from his driver license was retrieved as well. It indicated he had a REAL ID-compliant Michigan license. It appears to indicate that he is a U.S. citizenship and has a Social Security number ("***_**-***").⁷

9:00-9:02 a.m. ICE Agent Lopez went to the Kent County Correctional Facility and spoke to Mr. Ramos-Gomez for less than two minutes.⁸

9:27-9:30 a.m. ICE Agent Lopez returned to Mr. Ramos-Gomez's cell, and served him with an immigration detainer.

9:54 a.m. ICE Agent Lopez emailed Captain VanderKooi about Mr. Ramos-Gomez: "I was able to interview that subject at Kent County this morning, and he is a foreign national illegally in the U.S. Thank you for the lead he will be coming into our custody when he is released from his criminal case. Let me or Derek know if you ever have any other good leads."⁹

[Unknown] An unidentified ICE agent, presumably Agent Lopez, retrieved eCISCOR database information for Mr. Ramos-Gomez. It indicated his Social Security number and showed that he did *not* have an alien number. It also showed his address as "1ST TANK BN DEO UNIT 41690," "FPO," "AP" "96427. This address signifies the 1st Tank Battalion of the U.S. Marine Corps. The information further indicated that Mr. Ramos-Gomez had filed a Form I-130 petition for relative and that the petition was approved.¹⁰ Such petitions cannot be approved unless the filer is a citizen or has lawful status.

⁵ E-mail from Karen Johnson, at ACLU-013 to ACLU-017.

⁶ E-mail from ICE Agent Matthew Lopez, at ACLU-037.

⁷ NNSV Query Result, at ACLU-353 to ACLU-354, ACLU-356.

⁸ ICE has refused to release this video.

⁹ E-mail from Matthew Lopez, at ACLU-037.

¹⁰ eCISCOR-C3-LAN details for JILMAR RAMOS GOMEZ, at ACLU-365 to ACLU-366.

November 26, 2018 (Monday):

9:49 a.m. Captain VanderKooi emailed ICE Agent Matthew Lopez, copying Agent Klifman and GRPD assigned investigator Det. Baylis. The subject line of the email was: "Spectrum Helicopter Pad Loco." "Loco" is a Spanish word meaning "crazy."¹¹

The email stated: "It is not clear what mad intent was involved in this breach of hospital security but here is the report." A copy of the police report, which noted that "his Passport" and "a pistol purchase permit" were found on him when he was arrested, was attached.

3:43-3:59 p.m. GRPD Det. Baylis forwarded a message from ICE to Prosecutor Daniel Helmer, noting "Also looks like ICE will be taking custody upon release for a period of time....."¹²

Prosecutor Helmer immediately responded: "I am confused. Didn't his property have a US Passport in it? And he was a veteran?!"¹³

Det. Baylis responded: "Who knows, not sure it was a US passport.... I am not sure about the vet thing."¹⁴

December 14, 2018 (Friday):

Mr. Ramos-Gomez was scheduled to be released from jail.

Around 5 p.m. Kent County Correctional Facility video shows Mr. Ramos-Gomez's mother coming to the jail to pick up her son. She was told that he is being taken into immigration custody. Just as she left the building at 5:13.47 p.m., the Calhoun County Correctional Facility van taking her son to immigration detention passed in front of the building at 5:13.59 p.m.

Mr. Ramos-Gomez was turned over to and transported by Calhoun County Correctional Facility officers to immigration detention in the Calhoun County Jail. His REAL ID compliant driver's license traveled with him to Calhoun.¹⁵

December 16, 2018 (Saturday):

ICE issued a Notice to Appear for Mr. Ramos-Gomez, the paperwork to start his deportation. The notice charges that he is not a U.S. citizen, but rather a

¹¹ E-mail from Capt. Curt VanderKooi, at ACLU-048 to ACLU-053.

¹² E-mail from Det. Adam Baylis, at ACLU-061.

¹³ E-mail from Daniel Helmer, at ACLU-63.

¹⁴ E-mail from Det. Adam Baylis, at ACLU-67.

¹⁵ Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Inmate Property Record, at ACLU 342

Guatemalan citizen who arrived unlawfully. He was ordered to appear for an immigration hearing in Detroit on a date to be determined.¹⁶

An ICE supervisory detention and deportation officer also issued a “Warrant for Arrest of Alien”, stating “I have determined that there is probable cause to believe that Ramos-Gomez, Jilmar is removable from the United States.” The document indicated that ICE is “initiat[ing] removal proceedings” against Mr. Ramos-Gomez.¹⁷

ICE also issued a Notice of Custody Determination, which stated that Mr. Ramos-Gomez would remain detained until there was a final decision in his immigration case.¹⁸

December 17, 2018 (Monday):

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| 10:57 a.m. | An unidentified ICE official retrieved database information from a travel document query from TECS database showing that Mr. Ramos-Gomez has a U.S. passport and was born in the United States. ¹⁹ |
| Mid-afternoon | Mr. Ramos-Gomez was released from Calhoun County Jail after intervention by Richard Kessler, his family’s attorney. |

¹⁶ U.S. Department of Homeland Security—Notice to Appear, at ACLU 515.

¹⁷ U.S. Department of Homeland Security—Warrant for Arrest of Alien, at ACLU-518.

¹⁸ Department of Homeland Security Notice of Custody Determination, at ACLU-517.

¹⁹ U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, TECS – Travel Document Query, at ACLU-376.