

Woman to plead guilty for helping businessmen commit visa fraud

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A Laredo woman plans to plead guilty to conspiracy to use fraud to help Mexican entrepreneurs get visas that let them live in the United States.

Among the tactics used by [Emilia Diaz](#), 41, was taking pictures of the inside of an H-E-B and passing them off as being from inside a tiny meat market business of one of her clients.

Diaz runs E.G. Services, which provides visa and tax services, and she signed a plea deal that says she provided fraudulent paperwork to the State Department in an effort to get up to 24 “E” series visas for clients between 2007 and August 2011.

E-1 and E-2 visas give residency leading to citizenship to Mexicans who are involved in trade or “substantially” invest in certain types of U.S. businesses. The visas are renewable every three to five years.

The applicants included [Roberto Centino Ulin](#), owner of [Cepin Enterprises](#) Inc., a Shell gas station franchise in San Antonio; his brother-in-law [Guillermo Mansur Macias Athie](#); [Ricardo Plascencia](#) of [Pecan Imports and Exports](#) Inc.; [Hernan Javier Zambrano Garza](#) of [Ecogas](#) Inc.; [Guillermo Rangel Lopez](#) of Rangel International; [Adolfo Eduardo Treviño Osorio](#) and others of [Rygo](#) Inc.; [Maria Isabel Rubi Gonzalez](#) and [Raul Rafael Barajas Llorente](#) of Laquitex; and Adrianna Zarate of [Zafra](#) Inc. and her family members.

In the case of Plascencia's company, Diaz's business submitted photos of the office space for another business — but with a sign of Plascencia's company hanging over the window.

For Rygo, a small meat market in Laredo, Diaz and her staff submitted photos “purporting to be of the tiny meat market (but) were actually of the inside of (a) Laredo H-E-B, among other false representations.”

Diaz is to enter her guilty plea this month in San Antonio, and she faces up to five years in prison. Prosecutors also seek a judgment against Diaz of \$250,000.

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