Organization Attributes Sheet: DRPR Airport Group 1

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# **A.** When the organization was formed + brief history

- This organization has been involved in trafficking Cuban nationals into the United States via airports in the Dominican Republic.<sup>1</sup>
- Each person is charged up to \$10,000 for a flight into the United States.<sup>2</sup>
- Network was discovered in 2007 when Juan and Olgo Bou, two Cuban nationals, were arrested while attempting to board a plane that was headed to New York City. Fraudulent documents were found on the couple.<sup>3</sup>
- B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
  - a. In general
    - Human trafficking.
  - b. Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in
    - Sending Cuban nationals into the United States via airports in the Dominican Republic, specifically the Cibao Airport and the Puerto Plata Airport.
    - Passengers are given fraudulent documents to board planes bound for the United States.

### **C.** Scope and Size

- a. Estimated size of network and membership
  - Information not found.
- b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
  - Cibao Airport, Puerto Plata Airport, Dominican Republic.
- D. Leader Characteristics
  - a. Who is/are the leader(s)
    - Adolfo Madera Nova.
  - b. Leadership timeline
    - Information not found.
  - c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
    - Information not found.
- E. Organizational Structure
  - a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
    - Information not found.
  - b. Membership is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
    - Information not found.
  - c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
    - Information not found.

#### **F.** Resources

- a. Financial
  - Group charges \$10,000 per person.
- b. Human
  - Information not found.

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases. All research conducted according to the project manual.

- c. Logistical
  - i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
    - Fraudulent identifications are used.
  - ii. Key routes
    - Flights from the Dominican Republic to the United States.
- d. Transportation
  - i. Land
    - Information not found.
  - ii. Sea
    - Information not found.
  - iii. Air
    - Use of commercial aircraft.
  - iv. Intermodal container
    - Information not found.
- G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities
  - a. Corruption
    - Suggests corruption among airport officials.
  - b. Concealment
    - Information not found.
  - c. Deception
    - Use of fraudulent documents.
  - d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
    - Information not found.
- H. Prior / Existing Relationships
  - a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
    - Information not found.
  - b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement, political parties and other state entities, etc.
    - The alleged leader of the trafficking operation is a council member.
    - Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.
      - No connections have been determined.
- I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)
  - Information not found.
- J. Technical Sophistication
  - Low.
- **K.** Penchant for Innovation
  - Low.
- L. Activities in United States
  - a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
    - Flights carrying Cuban nationals land in airports in the United States.
  - b. Specific detail: trafficking activities; logistical activities
    - Information not found.
  - c. Linkages with US groups
    - i. Market/transaction links
      - Information not found.
    - ii. Stable supplier

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- Information not found.
- iii. Franchise arrangement
  - Information not found.
- iv. HQ and Branch office
  - Information not found.

# M. Evaluations

- a. Strengths
  - Unable to determine from available information.
- Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
  - Unable to determine from available information.
- Additional insights c.

### Other Notes

There is very little information on the specific details of the trafficking operation, however, the operation is likely defunct.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ventura, Tomas. "Red estaria llevando cubanos hacia EEUU." *Diario Libre* 27 Nov 2007: Web. http://diariolibre.com.do/noticias print.php?id=159202&s=ang5gb82vsv1v64h5nkvn5z1cs9qmlrx lbid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid.