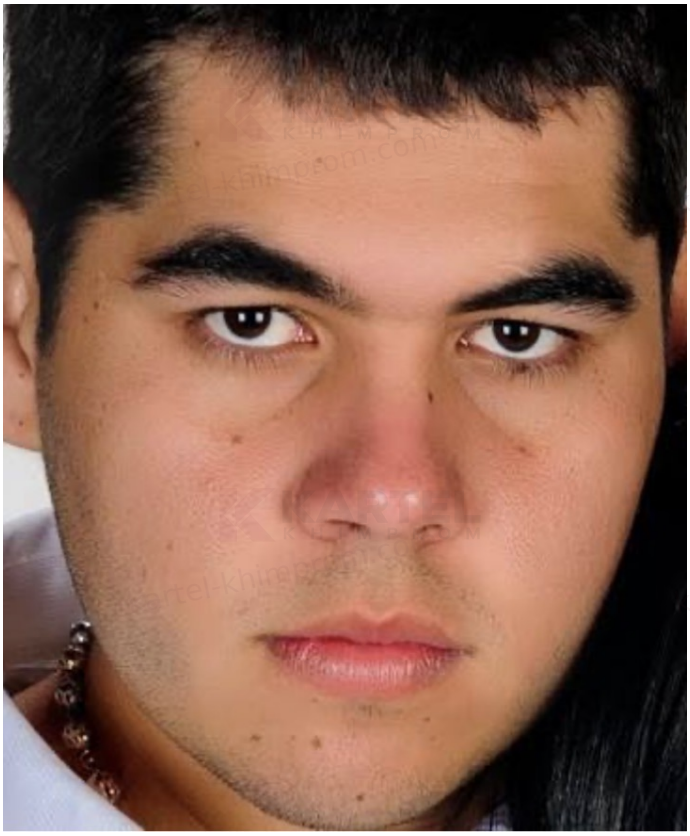
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Hugo Gonzalo Mendoza Gaitán

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Hugo Gonzalo Mendoza Gaitán. Photo from the DEA’s individual wanted notice.

Date of birth: 1988 — по карточке DEA

Status: Listed on the DEA’s wanted list; facing criminal charges in the US

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Other names: Hugo Gonzalo Mendoza Gaytán; El Sapo; Sapo; S-90; Señor de las Armas

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Brief profile

Field	Details
Name in sources	Hugo Gonzalo Mendoza Gaytán
Date of birth	1988 — according to the DEA file
Jurisdiction and international links	Mexico; USA
Legal status	Listed on the DEA's wanted list; facing criminal charges in the US
Other names and aliases	El Sapo; Sapo; S-90; Señor de las Armas

What the indictment reveals

The document, published by the US Department of Justice, links the alleged conspiracy to the period from approximately 2008 to March 2025. It alleges the manufacture and distribution of at least five kilograms of cocaine and at least 500 grams of methamphetamine for importation into the US. [1][2][3]

These figures represent the thresholds used in the indictment and do not constitute an exhaustive tally of all shipments. An additional charge relates to weapons. The indictment sets out the grand jury's version of events and does not constitute a conviction. [1][2][3]

DEA profile and name variants

The DEA has published a photograph of Mendoza Gaitán and his aliases: Sapo, S-90 and Señor de las Armas. The notice specifies the District of Columbia and offers a reward of up to $15 million. Reports of arrests of individuals with similar nicknames require separate identity verification. [1][2][3]

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Timeline of the case

Date	Event
04.11.2025	Date of the published indictment.
05.08.2026	Public announcement of new measures against CJNG leaders.

Verified on 4 November 2026. The status of the case is based on the sources cited; charges and allegations do not constitute a conviction.

Sources

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