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Vilver Villegas Palomino

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Vilver Villegas Palomino. Photo from the FBI’s individual wanted poster.

Date of birth: 21.10.1981 — по карточке ФБР

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

Other names: Wilver Villegas Palomino; Carlos El Puerco; El Puerco; Wilver Villegas; Wilver Palomino

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Brief profile

Field	Details
Name in sources	Wilver Villegas Palomino
Date of birth	21 October 1981 — according to the FBI file
Jurisdiction and international links	USA; Colombia; Venezuela
Legal status	Listed on the FBI's wanted list; facing criminal charges in the US
Other names and aliases	Carlos El Puerco; El Puerco; Wilver Villegas; Wilver Palomino

What activities does the FBI describe?

The agency describes him as a high-ranking member of the ELN's North-Eastern Military Front and links his drug-related activities to the Catatumbo region in Colombia and Venezuelan territory. The prosecution is taking place under US federal jurisdiction, although the activities described are geographically situated in South America. [1][2]

The individual warrant issued by the Southern District of Texas is dated 13 February 2020. The warrant lists drug-related terrorism, international conspiracy to distribute cocaine and international distribution of cocaine. [1][2]

Individual status and a multi-defendant case

The Texas Public Prosecutor's Office has separately reported charges against six alleged members and associates of the ELN. This does not replace a review of Villegas Palomino's own file. The FBI has published his date of birth as 21 October 1981, a photograph, and the aliases 'Carlos El Puerco' and 'El Puerco'; however, these publications do not confirm a conviction. [1][2]

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Timeline of the case

Date	Event
13.02.2020	A federal arrest warrant has been issued in the Southern District of Texas.

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

1. FBI – Wilver Villegas Palomino’s individual wanted notice
2. The US Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Texas has brought charges against six ELN members and associates

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