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Narrative

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On December 1, 2022, the Combined Intelligence Unit (CIU) received information that Kilmar Armando ABREGO-Garcia was queried in NCIC by the Tennessee Highway Patrol [REDACTED]. DHS sources indicate that ABREGO was identified through official law enforcement investigations as a member of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13).

SYPNOSIS:

ABREGO-Garcia is suspected of Labor/Human Trafficking

ENCOUNTER:

On December 1, 2022, subject was observed speeding and unable to maintain its lane and was subsequently pulled it over by Trooper [REDACTED] of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Upon approach to the vehicle, encountering officer noted there were eight other individuals in the vehicle with the subject, who was identified as the driver. Subject stated he was driving "three days ago" (11/27 /2022) **from Houston, TX to Temple Hills, MD (via St Louis, MO) to bring in people to perform construction work. There was no luggage in the vehicle,** leading the encountering officer to suspect this was a human trafficking incident. **All the passengers gave the same home address as the subject's home address.** During the interview, subject pretended to speak less English than he was capable of and **attempted to put encountering officer off-track by responding to questions with questions.** When asked what relationship he had with the registered owner of the vehicle, subject replied that **the owner of the vehicle is his boss,** and that his work is in construction. Encountering officer decided not to cite the subject for driving infractions but gave him a warning citation for driving with an expired driver's license. Subject's driver's license is a MD "Limited Term Temporary". Encountering officer gathered names of other occupants in vehicle, but could not read their handwriting, but did not pursue further due to no citation being issued. As a result, he did not pass the names, dates of birth and IDs of those individuals. No incident report number was created but the **Computer Aided Dispatch number is 622057620.**

IMMIGRATION/CRIMINAL HISTORY:

On 10/10/19, IJ issued written decision granting Withholding of Removal.

Per the Prince Georges County Police Gang Unit, ABREGO-Garcia was validated as a member of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS13) Gang. Subject was identified as a member of the Mara Salvatrucha MS-13, "Chequeo" from the Western Clique a transnational criminal street gang. This information was provided by tested source who has provided truthful accurate information in the past. See Prince Georges County Police Department (Gang Sheet).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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According to EARM case comments dated October 26, 2022, wants to move to Houston Texas to be closer to family (parents), he is a HVAC employee, has been living in MD for 3 years and has 3 children. Subject was withholding (no asylum or CAT). Not a definite decision but is thinking about wanting to move next year.

WATCHLISTED SUBJECT:

NAME: Abrego Garcia, Kilmar Armando (Non-USPER)

GENDER: Male

DOB: 07/26/1995

CIT: El Salvador

[REDACTED]

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