

Corrections officer charged in drug smuggling scheme

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An Otero County corrections officer is facing federal charges related to a drug smuggling scheme.

Luis Delgadillo, 37, is one of the six people charged in a criminal complaint with conspiracy to violate the federal narcotics laws by smuggling controlled substances into the Otero County Prison Facility in Chaparral, N.M.

The criminal complaint also charges 35-year-old Nancy Salas, 24-year-old Ana Lopez and three inmates: 30-year-old Eric Lovato, 27-year-old Armando Lopez and 26-year-old Gary Borja, with participating in the conspiracy.

According to the criminal complaint, prison security cameras recorded Delgadillo handing a package to Borja on March 15. During a telephone call later that day, Armando Lopez allegedly told Ana Lopez that Delgadillo had smuggled narcotics into the prison.

Inmate drug tests later revealed that Borja, Armando Lopez and another inmate tested positive for opiates.

The FBI also said they found methamphetamine, heroin and Suboxone pills during a search of Delgadillo's vehicle

If convicted, each of the six defendants faces up to 40 years in prison.