



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIPLOMACY IN ACTION

## Narcotics Rewards Program: Victor Emilio Cazares-Gastellum

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFAIRS

### WANTED



**ALIASES:** "The Gatekeeper", "El Licenciado", "Victor Emilio Cazares-Salazar"

**DOB:** August 8, 1963

**POB:** Sinaloa, Mexico

**NATIONALITY:** Mexican

**CITIZENSHIP:** Mexico, United States

**HEIGHT:** 5 feet 9 inches

**WEIGHT:** 205 pounds

**HAIR COLOR:** Brown

**EYE COLOR:** Brown

**VICTOR EMILIO CAZARES-GASTELLUM**, also known as "The Gatekeeper" and "El Licenciado", is a member of the Sinaloa Cartel. The Sinaloa Cartel is one of the most notorious and violent drug trafficking organizations operating in Mexico. The Sinaloa Cartel imports and distributes hundreds of tons of cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana into the United States each year. Cazares-Gastellum operates in Sinaloa Mexicali, and Guadalajara, Mexico. Cazares-Gastellum coordinates the movement of multi-ton quantities of cocaine from Mexico into distribution hubs located in southern California; from there the drug trafficking organization distributes cocaine throughout the United States. The organization is also responsible for transporting millions of US dollars of drug proceeds in bulk currency from the United States into Mexico.

**CAZARES-GASTELLUM** was indicted out of the Southern District of California in 2007. A provisional warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The U.S. Department of State is currently offering a **REWARD OF UP TO \$5 MILLION** for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of **VICTOR EMILIO CAZARES-GASTELLUM**.