

# Army Imposter

Encountered Entering the U.S.  
From Colombia



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Proper uniform  
insignia.

Top: Combat  
Infantry Badge 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Award

Center: Master  
Parachutist

Bottom: Air  
Assault Badge



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Domingo Rivera arrived at Miami Intl Airport 01/23/2010



Rivera was wearing a full U.S. Army ACU uniform displaying the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He was selected for search by the Narcotics Unit conducting a 100% passport inspection on Avianca Airlines flight 08 from Pereira, Colombia.

Stated he works as a security guard and that he was in Colombia to propose to his girlfriend.



When asked about the Army uniform he stated that he went to Colombia to play paintball.



Body language: Trembling hands, sweat forming on forehead, unable to maintain eye contact, pulsating carotid artery. Continued display of nervous behavior.

## Official U.S. Army Orders Found.

During the exam, a set of orders were found which appeared to be authentic. The orders had Rivera's name, home address, DOB, SSN on them. They were on authentic U.S. Army letterhead and directed him to report to MacDill AFB in Tampa, FL.





Rivera's uniform also displayed patches for two different units.

The Overseas 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne and 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry.

Investigation revealed that Rivera may have ties to the Colombian FARC.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. Who have been designated as a terrorist organization.





REMEMBER  
PEOPLE ARE  
NOT  
ALWAYS  
WHO  
THEY  
APPEAR  
TO  
BE!



“YOU CAN  
OBSERVE A LOT  
BY WATCHING”

YOGI BERRA





# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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We safeguard the American homeland at and beyond our borders.

We protect the American public against terrorists and the instruments of terror.

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