

Ramos and Compean Timeline

Congressman Culberson's actions in [BLUE](#)

February 17, 2005 – Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean pursue a fleeing van outside of Fabens, TX. A confrontation ensues and shots are fired. The van is found to contain 743 pounds of marijuana and the drug smuggler, Adlrete-Davila flees across the Rio Grande to Mexico.

March 4, 2005 – DHS Inspector General opens an investigation into the incident.

March 16, 2005 – DHS Inspector General's staff interviews Aldrete-Davila at the United States Consulate in Juarez, Mexico and the drug smuggler is given a "Letter of Limited Use Immunity" from U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton. A border crossing card is obtained and doctors at Fort Bliss remove a bullet from the drug smuggler.

March 18, 2005 – Texas DPS informs the Inspector General's staff that the bullet extracted from the drug smuggler matches the firearm assigned to Ramos.

March 18-19, 2005 – An arrest warrant is issued for Ramos and Compean and the agents are arrested at their homes and taken into custody.

March 24, 2005 – Ramos and Compean released on bond

March 25, 2005 – Ramos and Compean suspended from the Border Patrol

November 2005 – A DEA report identifies Aldrete-Davila as the person responsible for stashing more than 750 pounds of marijuana in a van outside of Clint, TX in October. This incident occurs after the drug smuggler is given a letter of immunity and a border crossing card.

February 21, 2006-March 6, 2006 – Federal trial against Ramos and Compean.

March 8, 2006 – Ramos and Compean are found guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault with serious bodily injury, discharge of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence, tampering with an official proceeding, and deprivation of rights.

[September 26, 2006 – Congressmen Culberson, Marchant, McCaul, and Poe meet with DHS Deputy Inspector General James Taylor, Assistant for Investigations Elizabeth Redman, and Congressional Liaison Tamara Faulkner to discuss the Inspector General's investigation into the incident.](#)

October 19, 2006 – Ramos and Compean are sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison respectively.

October 23, 2006 – Ramos and Compean file notices to appeal.

October 23, 2006 – Congressman McCaul sends a letter to Secretary Chertoff requesting the Inspector General’s report on the incident.

January 8, 2007 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales requesting that the Attorney General investigate the prosecution of Ramos and Compean.

January 9, 2007 – Congressman Culberson requests that the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee investigate the case.

January 16, 2007 – A judge denies the motion to allow Ramos and Compean to stay out of prison on bond while they await their appeal.

January 17, 2007 – Ramos and Compean surrender to the U.S. Marshals Service.

January 18, 2007 – Congressman Culberson cosponsored a bill, H.R. 563, which would grant a Congressional pardon for Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean.

January 29, 2007 – The Homeland Security Inspector General’s office releases a redacted version of the incident report to the House Homeland Security Committee.

February 3, 2007 – Ramos is assaulted in prison.

February 5, 2007 – Congressman Culberson participated in the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee hearing with DHS Inspector General Richard Skinner where the IG admitted under oath that Members of Congress were given false information about the events surrounding the case during the September 26 meeting.

February 7, 2007 – DHS Inspector General releases a nonredacted version of its final report on the incident.

February 7, 2007 – Congressman Culberson signed onto a letter to President Bush asking that he review the case and pardon Ramos and Compean

February 14, 2007 – Congressmen Culberson, Marchant, McCaul, and Poe sign a letter to DHS Inspector General Richard Skinner asking that he investigate his own office for lying to Members of Congress and Congressman Culberson requests Skinner’s resignation.

March 6, 2007 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter to Speaker Pelosi, Chairman Conyers, Chairman Thompson, and Chairman Waxman asking them to hold hearings on the prosecution of Ramos and Compean.

April 19, 2007 – The Senate Judiciary Committee holds hearing with Attorney General Gonzales. The Attorney General is questioned about the incident.

June 26, 2007 – Congressman Culberson speaks to Bureau of Prisons Director Harley Lappin about the treatment of Ramos of Compean in prison and urges the Director to have Ramos moved to a facility closer to his family in El Paso.

July 17, 2007 – The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing to examine the prosecution of Ramos and Compean.

July 19, 2007 – Ramos is transferred out of the Yazoo City facility and to another prison.

July 20, 2007 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter to President Bush requesting that he commute the 11 and 12 year sentences of Ramos and Compean.

July 25, 2007 – Congressman Culberson speaks in support of an amendment to the Department of Justice Appropriations bill that restricts funds from being used to enforce the sentences imposed on Ramos and Compean, effectively cutting off any funds from being used to keep these agents in prison.

July 31, 2007 – Congressman Culberson participates in a hearing on Ramos and Compean before the Foreign Affairs Oversight Subcommittee

October 15, 2007 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter to the Attorney General nominee Michael Mukasey asking him to review the prosecution of the Ramos and Compean case if he is confirmed by the Senate.

October 2007 – Congressman Culberson will send a letter to Attorney General Mukasey congratulating him on his recent confirmation and requesting that he investigate the prosecution of the Ramos and Compean case.

December 2, 2007 – The Ramos and Compean case will be heard on appeal in New Orleans, LA.

December 6, 2007 – Congressman Culberson cosponsored a resolution calling for the President to commute the sentences of Ramos and Compean.

December 26, 2007 – President Bush signs the FY2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act. This legislation did NOT include the amendment supported by Congressman Culberson that would restrict funds from going to imprison Ramos and Compean.

June 19, 2008 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter requesting US Attorney Johnny Sutton to be investigated for prosecutorial misconduct.

July 28, 2008 – The Fifth Circuit Court upholds the convictions of Ramos and Compean.

July 29, 2008 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter requesting President Bush to commute the sentences of Ramos and Compean.

November 20, 2008 – Congressman Culberson signs a letter to the U.S. Pardon Attorney asking that he recommend the President commute the sentences of Ramos and Compean.