



Ocana: a plot on the president, undone by social media

A designated ELN marksman, captured on old warrants, accused of a new task.

INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

Who Dairo Ferizzola Rojas, alias Firu, described by police as a designated sniper of the ELN's Camilo Torres Restrepo front. Taken by DIJIN and police intelligence with Interpol. Captured on warrants, not convicted.

What Arrest on warrants for aggravated homicide and firearms offences. Police and the president say he was designated to help plan and execute an armed action against the president.

Where Ocana, Norte de Santander, in the Catatumbo border region - the same department as the 31 August Los Patios police-station VBIED.

When Captured 4 September 2026. Charged shootings run from June 2025 to February 2026.

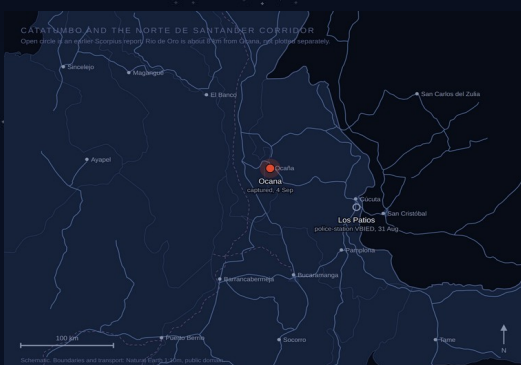
Why No motive published beyond the tasking. No date, location or stage of preparation disclosed.

How Located from videos his partner posted on social media, plus intelligence that he meant to leave the area. He carried a 5.56 mm rifle cartridge.

IMPACT

- One operator removed from a front police say runs a standing sniper capability.
- A head of state now has a named long-range threat in the file, whatever the plot's maturity.
- Norte de Santander: a police-station VBIED on 31 August and this capture on 4 September.
- Both sides can read the same event as proof of their case, which is usual for a publicised success.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



19 Jun 25 Rio de Oro shootings

31 Aug 26 Los Patios VBIED

- 1 Jun 2025 - two officers shot at range
- 2 5.56-mm rifle identified; warrants issued
- 3 His partner posts videos online
- 4 Location fixed; he plans to leave
- 5 4 Sep - captured at Ocana
- 6 Plot stated by police and president

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The only two sources for the plot are the intended target and the force reporting to him. The warrants he was taken on are separately evidenced.
- A realistic possibility the plot was at the tasking stage and no further. Nothing published on a firing point, a weapon or a date.
- Likely the same front retains others able to do the work. An arrest-removes an operator, not the programme.
- The decisive break was open-source, not technical. Operational security fails through the people around the operator.