

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA  
Civil No. 25-cv-2827-PAM-DLM

Chia VUE

Petitioner,  
**DECLARATION OF  
THOMAS P. MURPHY**

v.

James McHenry and Lisa Monaco, et al.,

Respondents.

Thomas P. Murphy, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”), Department of Homeland Security, for his declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby states as follows:

1. The following declaration is based on a review of the Petitioner’s alien file, statements, and e-mails.
2. I am and have been employed with ICE since April 1, 2007. I began my career as an Immigration Enforcement Agent, later promoted to a Deportation Officer. I have been a Deportation Officer since May 3, 2015.
3. As a Deportation Officer, my assigned duties are to identify, locate, and arrest aliens illegally present in the United States. Additionally, I am charged with the responsibility of overseeing the cases of aliens in removal proceedings. These duties include the review of alien files for sufficiency, the detention and release of aliens in ICE custody, monitoring the progress of cases through the hearing process, and enforcement of the immigration court’s decision, including the execution of removal orders. I am also responsible for presenting criminal immigration cases to the United States Attorney’s Office for possible criminal prosecution.

4. Chia Neng VUE (“VUE”) is a native and citizen of Laos who claims to have entered the United States on or about September 30, 1987, as a RE-3 Refugee. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate of Petitioner’s Form I-213.

5. On an unknown date in 1998, VUE was arrested by the Minneapolis Police Department, MN, for Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) which was a crime to benefit a gang. Hennepin County charged VUE as an adult. Attached as Exhibit 2 are true and accurate copies of his conviction documents.

6. On July 7, 1998, Hennepin County, MN convicted VUE of the offenses and sentenced VUE to the MN Department of Corrections for 93 months for both crimes.

7. On July 24, 2003, ERO St. Paul issued VUE an I-862, Notice to Appear, charging under Section 212(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”). Attached as Exhibit 3 is a true and accurate copy of the NTA.

8. On July 24, 2003, Vue gave a sworn statement to ICE indicating that he was born in Laos and believed himself to be a citizen of Laos. Attached as Exhibit 4 is a true and accurate copy of the Sworn Statement.

9. On July 31, 2003, ERO St. Paul filed additional charges. Attached as Exhibit 5 is a true and accurate copy of Form I-261.

10. On October 31, 2003, an immigration judge in Bloomington, Minnesota ordered VUE removed from the United States to Laos. Attached as Exhibit 6 is a true and accurate copy of the IJ’s order.

11. On February 4, 2004, ICE officials released VUE from custody on an Order of Supervision (Form I-220B). Attached as Exhibit 7 is a true and accurate copy of the Order of Supervision.

12. On June 7, 2025, ERO St. Paul arrested VUE and served a Notice of Revocation of Release. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a true and accurate copy of the Notice of Revocation of Release.

13. On June 23, 2025, ERO St. Paul sent a travel document request packet to the ICE HQ - Removal Management Division.

14. Laos is now accepting its citizens for repatriation. ERO St. Paul has removed 5 individuals to Laos since March 2025

15. Based upon my recent experience, I expect ICE to be able to remove VUE in the reasonably foreseeable future.

16. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

17. Further your affiant sayeth not.

THOMAS P  
MURPHY

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Thomas P. Murphy, Deportation Officer  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

July 16, 2025