

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:25-cv-02830

Domingo MENDOZA-Mendez,

Plaintiff,

v.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
ANGELA MINNER**

RYAN SHEA, in his official capacity as the Freeborn County Sheriff; PETER BERG, in his official capacity as the St. Paul Field Office Director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; TODD LYONS, in his official capacity as Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and, KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as Secretary of Homeland Security,

Respondents.

Angela Minner, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for her declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 hereby states as follows:

1. The following declaration is based on a review of the Plaintiff's alien file, official records checks, and information relayed to me by other officials.

2. I am and have been employed with DHS and the Department of Justice (DOJ) since October 20, 2002. I began my career as an Immigration Inspector with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). On March 1, 2003, INS reorganized into separate agencies under DHS and my title was renamed CBP Officer with Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In August of 2007, I was promoted to the Enforcement CBP Officer position within CBP. In November of 2009, I was hired by ICE Enforcement and

Removal Operations (ERO) as a Deportation Officer, my current position.

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. Domingo MENDOZA-Mendez (Hereinafter referred to as "MENDOZA") is a citizen and national of Mexico. MENDOZA was first encountered by U.S. Border Patrol on January 18, 2000 and was granted Voluntary Return to Mexico. On an unknown later date at an unknown place, MENDOZA re-entered the United States without inspection.

5. On April 4, 2005, MENDOZA was convicted in the Anoka County District Court for driving while impaired, and sentenced to 30 days.

6. On February 8, 2006, MENDOZA was convicted in the Dakota County District Court for driving after revocation, and sentenced to pay a fine.

7. On October 15, 2009, MENDOZA was convicted in the Hennepin County District Court for no valid driver's license, and sentenced to pay a fine.

8. On July 23, 2010, MENDOZA was convicted in the Hennepin County District Court for driving after revocation, and sentenced to pay a fine.

9. U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement encountered MENDOZA on August 24,

2018 and issued him a Notice to Appear, Form I-862, in removal proceedings. Attached as Exhibit 1 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the Notice to Appear, Form I-862, and a Notice of Custody Determination, Form I-286, and Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien, Form I-213.

10. On November 14, 2018, an immigration judge granted Cancellation of Removal under Section 240A(b)(1) to MENDOZA. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) reserved appeal. Attached as Exhibit 2 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the Order of the November 14, 2018, Order of the Immigration Judge.

11. On November 20, 2018, the immigration judge granted MENDOZA bond in the amount of \$2,500 with the condition of enrollment in ISAP monitoring, the DHS Intensive Supervision Appearance Program.

12. On November 21, 2018, MENDOZA posted a delivery bond and was released from ICE custody.

13. On December 3, 2018, the DHS filed a Notice of Appeal of the immigration judge's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

14. On June 17, 2021, the BIA sustained the DHS appeal, vacated the immigration judge's grant of cancellation of removal, and granted MENDOZA voluntary departure without expense to the government within 60 days. Attached as Exhibit 3 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the BIA's June 17, 2021, Decision and Order. MENDOZA did not depart voluntarily and the order of removal became administratively final.

15. On July 15, 2021, MENDOZA filed an I-918 Application for U Non-Immigrant Visa status with U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services.

16. On August 18, 2021, MENDOZA filed a Motion to Reopen with the BIA. Attached as Exhibit 4 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of MENDOZA's August 18, 2021 Motion to Reopen.

17. On June 28, 2023, the BIA denied MENDOZA's Motion to Reopen. Attached as Exhibit 5 to this declaration is a true and correct copy of the BIA's June 28, 2023, Order denying MENDOZA's Motion to Reopen.

18. On November 25, 2024, MENDOZA filed an I-246 Stay of Removal Application request with ICE/ERO at Fort Snelling, MN.

19. On November 26, 2024, ICE/ERO denied MENDOZA's Stay of Removal request.

20. On December 11, 2024, MENDOZA was convicted in the Hennepin County District Court for driving while intoxicated-4th degree, and sentenced to 90 days.

21. On December 20, 2024, USCIS issued a "bona fide" determination on MENDOZA's pending I-918 U Non-Immigrant visa application, which means the I-918 application is considered complete and properly filed, and which allowed him to apply for employment authorization. A "bona fide" finding puts the U-visa application on a waiting list and does not mean the U-visa will be eventually approved after final adjudication. U-visa application adjudication can take six to eight years due to a high volume of applications. A USCIS deferred action grant does not prohibit ICE from taking enforcement action. Even if a U-visa petitioner is removed from the United States, they may await the adjudication of their application outside the United States and re-enter if USCIS grants the U visa and any applicable waivers.

22. DHS has declined MENDOZA's previous requests for prosecutorial discretion in

order to reopen his removal proceedings. During the time MENDOZA was at liberty on an immigration delivery bond between 2018-2025, he remained on supervision by the ICE/ISAP office. Efforts were made to encourage MENDOZA to self-deport out of custody in 2024, but MENDOZA did not depart the United States.

23. On July 10, 2025, ICE/ERO arrested MENDOZA and is currently detaining him for the purpose of executing the final order of removal.

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

ANGELA R MINNER Digitally signed by ANGELA R MINNER
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Angela Minner, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DATED: July 17, 2025