

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 25-03196-LMP-LIB

Mahamed Abdi ROBLE)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	DECLARATION OF
)	JOHN D. LIGON
v.)	
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DHS/ICE)	
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Respondents.)	

John D. Ligon, 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 and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) since July 22, 2002. I began my career as a Border Patrol Agent, later promoted to a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, transferred to ICE as an Immigration Enforcement Agent, and was then promoted to a Deportation Officer. I have been a Deportation Officer since October 11, 2009.

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 reviewing alien files for sufficiency, reviewing the detention and release of aliens in ICE custody, monitoring the progress of cases through the hearing process, and enforcing the immigration court's decision, including executing removal orders. I am also responsible for presenting criminal immigration cases to the United States Attorney's Office for possible criminal prosecution.

4. Mahamed Abdi ROBLE ("ROBLE") is a native and citizen of Somalia.

5. On September 1, 1995, ROBLE entered the United States at New York, NY, as a refugee.

6. On January 27, 1997, ROBLE adjusted his status to that of a Lawful Permanent Resident.

7. On March 30, 2010, ROBLE was convicted in Dakota County, Minnesota, District Court, for the offense of Drug-Possess Small Amount of Marijuana-No Remuneration, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 152.027.4(a).

8. On June 3, 2010, ROBLE was convicted in Hennepin County, Minnesota, District Court, for the offense of Domestic Abuse—Violate No Contact Order—Misdemeanor, in violation of Min. Stat. § 518B.01.22.

9. On June 29, 2010, ROBLE was convicted in Dakota County, Minnesota, District Court, for the offenses of Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.713.1, and of Domestic Assault, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.2242.1. ROBLE was sentenced to 46 days in jail.

10. On April 26, 2012, ROBLE was convicted in Ramsey County, Minnesota, District Court, for the offense of Domestic Assault, a felony, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 609.2242.4. ROBLE was sentenced to 18 months in prison, stayed for 5 years.

11. On April 18, 2017, ERO St. Paul arrested ROBLE and served him Form I-862, Notice to Appear, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to this Declaration.

12. On September 12, 2017, the St. Paul ICE Office of Chief Counsel filed Form I-261, Additional Charges of Inadmissibility/Deportability against ROBLE in immigration court to further clarify the allegations on the previously issued I-862, Notice to Appear. A true and correct copy of the I-261 is attached as Exhibit B to this Declaration.

13. On May 18, 2018, an immigration judge (IJ) at Fort Snelling, MN ordered ROBLE removed from the United States to any country other than Somalia and granted him Withholding of Removal as it pertains to Somalia. Appeal was reserved for both parties. A true and correct copy of the May 18, 2018, IJ order is attached as Exhibit C to this Declaration.

14. On June 14, 2018, DHS appealed the IJ's decision to the BIA.

15. On November 15, 2018, the BIA sustained DHS's appeal and remanded ROBLE's case back to the Immigration Judge. A true and correct copy of the November 15, 2018, BIA order is attached as Exhibit D to this Declaration.

16. On January 10, 2019, the IJ ordered ROBLE removed to Somalia. Appeal was reserved for both parties. A true and correct copy of the January 10, 2019, IJ order is attached as Exhibit E to this Declaration.

17. On February 11, 2019, ROBLE filed an appeal with the BIA.

18. On June 7, 2019, ROBLE filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus with the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota. *See Roble v. Barr*, No. 19-cv-1505 (JNE/KMM).

19. On July 10, 2019, the BIA sustained ROBLE's appeal and remanded the case back to the Immigration Judge. A true and correct copy of the July 10, 2019, BIA order is attached as Exhibit F to this Declaration.

20. On July 22, 2019, an IJ ordered ROBLE removed to Somalia and granted deferral of removal under the Convention Against Torture. All parties waived appeal, and the IJ's order became administratively final on this date. A true and correct copy of the July 22, 2019, IJ order is attached as Exhibit G to this Declaration.

21. On October 21, 2019, ERO St. Paul conducted a Post Order Custody Review of ROBLE's case. On the same date, ROBLE was released from ICE custody under an Order of Supervision, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit H to this Declaration.

22. On July 18, 2025, ERO St. Paul arrested ROBLE in Eden Prairie, MN. A true and correct copy of the July 18, 2025, Form I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien, is attached as Exhibit I to this Declaration.

23. On the same date, ERO St. Paul issued ROBLE a Notice of Revocation of Release, a true and correct copy of which is attached as Exhibit J to this Declaration.

24. On the same date, ERO St. Paul ICE conducted an informal interview of ROBLE to afford ROBLE an opportunity to respond to the reasons for revocation of his order of supervision. A true and correct copy of the Alien Informal Interview form, as well as a true and correct copy ROBLE's written statement in response, is attached as Exhibit K to this Declaration.

25. On August 11, 2025, ERO St. Paul requested third country removal assistance from ERO HQ. On the same date, ROBLE filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota.

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

JOHN D LIGON

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John D. Ligon, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

August 18, 2025