

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION

Vladimir KIM)	Case No. 4:25-cv-262
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
TERRANCE DICKERSON, <i>in his official capacity</i>)	
<i>as Warden of Stewart Detention Center, and</i>)	
TODD LYONS, <i>in his official capacity as Acting</i>)	Agency # 
<i>Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement</i>)	
and GEORGE STERLING, <i>Field Office Director</i>)	
<i>ICE Atlanta Field Office, and KRISTI NOEM</i>)	
<i>Secretary of Homeland Security,</i>)	
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Respondents.)	
_____)	

DECLARATION OF ELENA BONDARI

COMES NOW, Elena Bondari, spouse of Petitioner Vladimir Kim, and provides the following update to the court. The following facts are based on personal conversations with my spouse and are to the best of my recollection exactly as he narrated them to me.

1. On November 8, 2025 at approximately 1:20 a.m., Vladimir was told to pack up his belongings at the Stewart Detention Center.
2. Shortly thereafter, he was transferred to Hall County Jail in Gainesville, Georgia, to pick up another individual. All this time he was not told anything about where he was being taken.

3. Around noon they arrived at Atlanta Field Office. There he was told that he is going “home” to Uzbekistan and that they had a travel document for him. He would, he was told, be flying to New York at 7:35 a.m. on November 9, 2025.

4. That evening Vladimir asked if he had been issued a travel document from Uzbekistan. He was told no, but that they had an ICE-issued travel document approved by DHS. Vladimir questioned whether this document could be used for international travel. He did not receive an answer.

5. He spent all day at the overcrowded Atlanta Field Office.

6. Around 6:30am Atlanta ICE officer served Vladimir with the attached travel document. Vladimir complied and signed the paperwork.

7. At approximately 7:35 a.m. on November 9, 2025, he was taken on a flight to NY and landed at 9:30 a.m.

8. At approximately 11 a.m. Vladimir and the ICE officers accompanying him approached the Uzbekistan Airways ticket counter. The woman at the counter looked at the documents and asked, “Again?”. She then asked whether it was a voluntary departure or deportation. The officer indicated it was a deportation and showed her the travel document. She said immediately that she had been presented with the same type of document the week before and that the individual had been denied entry into Uzbekistan and sent back to the United States. She also indicated that she had received guidance from management to not issue tickets to individuals with this type of travel document. The officers then appeared to call to speak with their own supervisor, whose name my husband heard as “Manic”. I, Elena,

remember this name. In April, the Uzbekistan consul told Vladimir's brother that they responded to an ICE request from this officer to inform him that a travel document would not be issued.

9. The airline re-checked the travel document and a copy of Vladimir's expired passport and confirmed again that they were not valid travel documents. A copy of the travel document (Form I-269, submitted here as Exhibit J) indicates that Vladimir is single (he is married), and that he is 7' 0" tall.

10. Vladimir was then taken to Elizabeth Detention facility in New Jersey and told that he will be waiting there until they can book a ticket back to Atlanta.

11. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of November 2025.



Elena Bcndari

EXHIBIT J



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
Washington, D.C.

File No: [REDACTED]

Date: October 30, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY

To facilitate transportation to UZBEKISTAN of applicant whose photograph appears below.

NAME: Vladimir KIM

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

SEX: Male

NATIONALITY: Uzbekistan

MARITAL STATUS: Single

OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION:

PRESENT ADDRESS: C/o Immigration and Customs Enforcement

PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: For travel to Uzbekistan

A national passport or any form of travel document cannot be obtained for travel to that country.



PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:

Height: 7'0"

Weight: 190 lbs.

Color of Hair: Black

Color of Eyes: Brown

Identification marks: None visible

For U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement