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- 4. Petitioner is a native and citizen of Honduras who was apprehended by the United States Border Patrol on August 17, 2016 after he illegally entered the United States in or around Sullivan City, Texas without being admitted or paroled by an immigration officer.
- 5. Petitioner's mother was contacted and Petitioner was placed into Removal Proceedings with the issuance of a Notice to Appear, charging inadmissibility under INA 212(a)(6)(A)(i). Due to his age and the fact that he was unaccompanied by a parent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement ("ORR") took custody of Petitioner. Petitioner was then transported to the Baptist Child and Family Service Center in San Antonio, Texas.
  - 6. Petitioner was released by ORR on September 15, 2016.
- 7. On March 21, 2017, Petitioner appeared at his initial hearing before an immigration judge represented by counsel. Petitioner sought a continuance so the case could be administratively closed once an application for asylum was filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Asylum Office. On June 13, 2017 the immigration judge administratively closed the case.
- 8. On June 27, 2025, ICE Office of the Principle Legal Adviser filed a motion to recalendar the administratively closed proceedings in accordance with the President's Executive Order 14159. The immigration judge denied the motion to recalendar.
- 9. On August 12, 2025 the Drug Enforcement Agency in San Francisco conducted a criminal search warrant. ICE ERO was present to assist while DEA led all enforcement operations. During the search warrant, Petitioner was encountered and taken into ICE custody. Petitioner was then transferred to the Northwest ICE Processing Center that day.
- 10. On August 29, 2025, Petitioner appeared before an immigration judge in Tacoma, Washington for a bond hearing. The immigration judge ruled that she lacked jurisdiction for a DECLARATION OF SDDO CHRISTOPHER SICA Case No. 2:25-cv-05772

bond, but made an alternative ruling of a \$5,000 bond plus conditions as deemed necessary by 2 ICE. 3 Petitioner reserved his right to appeal the bond decision, but an appeal has not yet 11. been filed. 4 5 12. On September 10, 2025, DHS filed a motion to recalendar. 6 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. 8 Executed in Tacoma, Washington, on this 10th day of September 2025. 9 10 CHRISTOPHER L Digitally signed by CHRISTOPHER L SICA Date: 2025.09.10 13:46:24 -07:00 11 Christopher Sica Supervisor Detention and Deportation Officer 12 U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement 13 Enforcement and Removal Operations Seattle Field Office 14 Tacoma, Washington 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 DECLARATION OF SDDO CHRISTOPHER SICA

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