

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIA JOSE TUMBA HUAMANI,

Petitioner,

v.


LADÉON FRANCIS, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 25 Civ. 8110 (LJL)

DECLARATION OF SUPERVISORY
DETENTION AND DEPORTATION
OFFICER CHRISTOPHER FINNIE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Christopher Finnie, hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct:

1. I am a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (“SDDO”) at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). I have served in my current capacity as an SDDO since August 08, 2023. As an SDDO, I supervise Deportation Officers managing cases of aliens who are in immigration proceedings. Once an alien is ordered removed from the United States, Deportation Officers facilitate the alien’s removal by coordinating with the government of the alien’s country of removal to obtain proper travel documents.
2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Maria Jose Tumba Huamani (“Tumba Huamani”) on October 1, 2025. Petitioner has been assigned the following Alien Number: . I make this declaration in my official capacity and the following representations are based on my review of Petitioner’s administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.
3. Tumba Huamani is a native and citizen of Peru.

4. On or about May 6, 2024, a Border Patrol Officer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) encountered Tumba Huamani and determined that she unlawfully entered the United States at or near Tecate, California earlier that day. Tumba Huamani admitted that at the time of her entry, she was not inspected by an Immigration Officer. Tumba Huamani was arrested and transported to a nearby Border Patrol facility for processing.
5. On May 7, 2024, during processing, Tumba Huamani was served with a Notice to Appear (“NTA”), charging her as inadmissible pursuant to Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”) § 212(a)(6)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), as an alien present without being admitted or paroled who arrived at a place and time other than as designated by the Attorney General.
6. On that same date, DHS filed the NTA with the Executive Office for Immigration Review, vesting the immigration court with jurisdiction over the removal proceedings. The NTA directed her to appear for removal proceedings at 26 Federal Plaza, 12th floor, Room 1237, New York, New York on September 30, 2025 at 10:00 am. Also on May 7, 2024, Tumba Huamani was served with a Warrant for Arrest of Alien, Form I-220, Order of Release on Recognizance, Form I-220A, and Notice of Custody Determination, Form I-286, ordering her to appear for any hearing or interview. The Forms I-220A and I-286 were read to her in Spanish, her native language.
7. On June 2, 2025, Tumba Huamani filed a motion to appear by video for the September 30, 2025 hearing. The Immigration Court denied the motion on June 26, 2025.
8. On September 30, 2025, Tumba Huamani appeared pro se for her master calendar hearing, at which an Immigration Judge advised her of the consequences of failing to appear for future hearings, confirmed her address, instructed that if she moved she must notify the Immigration Court within five days of moving, confirmed that her best language was Spanish, and provided

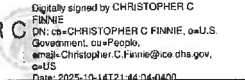
a list of pro bono attorneys. The Immigration Judge set a future master calendar hearing date of May 12, 2026.

9. Following her hearing on September 30, 2025, ICE took Tumba Huamani into custody pursuant to INA § 235(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A) at 26 Federal Plaza pending determination of the availability of long-term bedspace. Tumba was afforded a phone call, and ICE notified the consulate of Peru of her arrest and detention.
10. On October 1, 2025, Tumba filed the instant Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.
11. On October 2, 2025, ICE transferred Tumba to the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center in Basile, Louisiana, where she remains detained pending removal proceedings.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York
This 14th day of October 2025.

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