

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

FANGZENG HUANG

Petitioner,

v.

JUDITH ALMODOVAR, *et al.*,

Respondents.

No. 25-CV-9346 (DEH)

DECLARATION OF DEPORTATION OFFICER

MINCHEOL SO

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

1. I am an Acting Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). I have served in this capacity since November, 2025. Previously, I served as a Deportation Officer since 2015. I manage the cases of aliens who are in immigration proceedings. Once an alien is ordered removed from the United States, I facilitate the alien’s removal by coordinating with the government of that 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, Fangzeng Huang (“Huang”). Huang has been assigned the following Alien Number . The following representations are based on my personal knowledge, review of Huang’s administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.
3. Huang is a native and citizen of China.

4. On October 27, 2023, a Border Patrol Officer with United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) encountered Huang near the San Diego California Border Patrol Sector Area and determined that Huang unlawfully entered the United States from Mexico and was not inspected by an Immigration Office. Huang admitted that he was a native and citizen of China. Huang was arrested and transported to a nearby Border Patrol facility for processing.
5. On October 29, 2023, CBP served Huang a Notice to Appear (“NTA”), charging him 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 in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United State at a time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General. The NTA directed Huang to appear for a hearing before an Immigration Judge on July 16, 2024, at 26 Federal Plaza, 12th Floor Room 1237, New York, New York (“26 Federal Plaza”).
6. Also on October 29, 2023, after serving Huang with the NTA, CBP served Huang with a Form I-200 warrant for his arrest under INA section 236. CBP then released Huang on his own recognizance due to lack of bedspace, issuing Huang a Form I-220A (Order of Release on Recognizance).
7. On November 16, 2023, the NTA was filed with the Immigration Court in New York, New York, thereby commencing removal proceedings against Huang.
8. On November 2, 2023, Huang reported to ICE, in person at 26 Federal Plaza and confirmed his address and phone number.
9. On June 28, 2024, Huang, through counsel, filed written pleadings to the NTA, admitting the charges and conceding removability.

10. On July 2, 2024, the Immigration Court at 26 Federal Plaza, sent notice, via letter to counsel, that the July 16, 2024 hearing was cancelled. On the same date, the court sent a scheduling order directing all applications, evidence and briefs to be filed within 60 days of that order.
11. On August 29, 2024 Huang filed an application for relief from removal with the Immigration Court.
12. November 8, 2025. Huang reported to ICE in person at 26 Federal Plaza. After a review of Huang's case, and in light of bedspace now being available, ICE took Huang into custody and canceled Huang's Order of Release on Recognizance.
13. During processing, ICE served Huang with an I-200 Warrant for Arrest of Alien. Huang's detention is governed by INA § 235(b)(2)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).
14. On November 8, 2025, Huang was transported to Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey.
15. On November 10, 2025, Huang was transported to Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn, New York where he remains in custody at this time. ICE intends to keep Huang detained at MDC during the pendency of his habeas proceedings.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York

This __ 13 __ day of November, 2025.

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