

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:25-cv-04545-NEB-DTS

MARCO GANAN BAGUA,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,

Respondents.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
ANGELA MINNER**

Angela Minner, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for her declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 hereby states as follows:

1. The following declaration is based on a review of contents of the Petitioner's alien file, official records checks, and information relayed to me by other officials.

2. I am and have been employed with DHS and the Department of Justice since October 20, 2002. I began my career as an Immigration Inspector with the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). On March 1, 2003, INS reorganized into separate agencies under DHS and my title was renamed CBP Officer with Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In August of 2007, I was promoted to Enforcement Officer within CBP. In November of 2009, I was hired by ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) as a Deportation Officer, my current position.

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

4. Marco Vinicio GANAN-Bagua (hereinafter referred to as "GANAN") is a citizen and national of Ecuador. GANAN entered the U.S. without inspection on or about June 25, 2021. U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) encountered GANAN along with his spouse and two minor children shortly after they waded across the Rio Grande River. USBP issued GANAN a Notice to Appear in removal proceedings, Form I-862, and released GANAN on an Order of Recognizance with placement on the Alternatives to Detention program due to lack of bed space at the border facilities.

5. On August 26, 2021, ICE/ERO St. Paul issued a superseding Notice to Appear, Form I-862, and served the Notice by mail to GANAN on or about August 30, 2021.

6. GANAN appeared before the immigration judge on March 8, 2023, and June 5, 2023.

7. On October 23, 2023, GANAN filed a Motion to Administratively Close Proceedings, based on a pending I-918 Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status filed with U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) the same date.

8. On November 3, 2023, an immigration judge at Fort Snelling, MN granted GANAN's motion for administrative closure.

9. On May 15, 2024, USCIS issued a "bona fide" determination notice on GANAN's pending I-918 Nonimmigrant "U-visa" application, which means the I-918 application is considered completed and properly filed, and which allowed him to apply for employment authorization. A "bona fide" finding puts the U-visa application on a waiting list and does not necessarily mean the U-visa will be approved after final adjudication. U-visa application adjudication can take six to eight years due a high volume of applicants. A USCIS bona fide/ deferred action grant does not prohibit ICE from taking enforcement action. Even if a U-visa petitioner is removed from the U.S., they may await the adjudication of their application outside the U.S. and re-enter if USCIS grants the U visa and any applicable waivers.

10. On November 23, 2025, the Rosemount (MN) Police Department arrested GANAN for Driving After Revocation, a charge which remains pending. GANAN has at least 22 prior traffic and parking violations between 2022 and 2025.

11. On November 24, 2025, ICE/ERO officers arrested GANAN after his release from the Dakota County Jail in Hastings, Minnesota, for continuation of removal proceedings.

12. On November 28, 2025, the St. Paul Office of Principal Legal Advisor filed a Motion to Re-calendar GANAN's proceedings with the immigration court. As of the date of this declaration, the motion appears to be pending.

13. On December 8, 2025, ICE transferred GANAN to the Port Isabel Detention Center in Los Fresnos, Texas, for bedspace decompression. At the time of the transfer, ICE was not aware of GANAN's habeas corpus filing or his request for an order restraining out-of-state movement.

14. In preparing this declaration I examined GANAN's Form I-213 and superseding Notice to Appear issued in 2021. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the Form I-213. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of the superseding Notice to Appear.

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

ANGELA R MINNER Digitally signed by ANGELA R
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Angela Minner, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DATED: December 11, 2025