

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:25-cv-04816-MJD-JFD

MARCO VINICIO MORETA DURAN,

Petitioner,

v.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
XIONG LEE**

PAMELA BONDI, *et. al.*,

Respondents.

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

1. The following declaration is based on a review of the Petitioner Marco Vinicio Moreta Duran's (MORETA) alien file, official records checks, and information relayed to me by other officials.

2. I am and have been employed with DHS since May 29, 2007. I began my career as an Immigration Enforcement Agent. On September 20, 2015, I was promoted to 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 Moreta Duran (hereinafter referred to as "MORETA is a native and citizen of Ecuador. MORETA entered the United States at an unknown place, on an unknown date and without admission or parole.

5. December 23, 2025, ERO St. Paul, MN, encountered MORETA during ICE operations. ERO St. Paul performed a traffic stop and determined that MORETA was illegally present in the United States. MORETA was arrested and transported to the ERO St. Paul office for processing. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of the Form I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien associated with the encounter.

6. December 23, 2025, ERO St. Paul issued MORETA a Notice to Appear (Form I-862), charging removability under Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) and 212(a)(7)(A)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, for being an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General and an immigrant without an immigrant visa. MORETA's immigration proceeding is pending with the immigration court. Attached as **Exhibit B** is a true and correct copy of the Notice to Appar.

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

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Xiong Lee, Deportation Officer

U.S. immigration and Customs Enforcement
January 5, 2026