

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:26-cv-00756 (ADM/LIB)

Sebastian-Matacua, Nicolasa)
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Petitioner,)
) **DECLARATION OF**
) **SETH T. PATRIN**
v.)
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Pam Bondi, Attorney General of the)
United States; Kristi Noem, Secretary of)
the Department of Homeland Security;)
Todd Lyons, Director of Immigration and)
Customs Enforcement; Kenneth Genalo,)
Acting Executive Associate Director,)
Enforcement and Removal Operations;)
)
Respondents.)

Seth T. Patrin, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”), Department of Homeland Security, 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’s alien file, statements, and e-mails.

2. I am and have been employed with ICE since August 16, 2020. I began my career as a Deportation Officer.

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. SEBASTIAN is a native of Mexico and citizen of Mexico.

5. On April 4, 2006, United States Border Patrol (USBP) encountered SEBASTIAN at or near Nogales, AZ. USBP granted SEBASTIAN a Voluntary Return to Mexico.

6. SEBASTIAN entered the United States at an unknown time and at an unknown place.

7. On November 14, 2012, Saint Paul Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), arrested SEBASTIAN at or near Bloomington, MN. ERO served SEBASTIAN Notice to Appear, Form I-862.

8. On November 30, 2012, SEBASTIAN was released on a \$7,500.00 bond.

9. On January 2, 2013, an immigration judge in Bloomington, MN granted SEBASTIAN a Voluntary Return to Mexico. ERO confirmed SEBASTIAN's departure from the United States to Mexico on May 29, 2013.

10. On January 7, 2016, USBP encountered SEBASTIAN at or near Rio Grande City, TX. USBP served SEBASTIAN a Expedited Order of Removal, form I-860, and removed SEBASTIAN on the same day.

11. On January 12, 2024, USBP encountered SEBASTIAN at or near Eagle Pass, TX. SEBASTIAN claimed a reasonable fear of returning to Mexico. USBP reinstated SEBASTIAN's original order of removal, placed SEBASTIAN on the Alternative to Detention (ATD) program, and released SEBASTIAN into the United States while pending determination on the reasonable fear claim.

12. On May 10, 2024, USCIS received a Petition for Alien Relative, Form I-130 on behalf of SEBASTIAN. The petition is currently pending.

13. On January 27, 2026, SEBASTIAN was arrested by ICE during Operation Metro Surge. ICE served SEBASTIAN a Notice to Reinstate Prior Order of Removal, Form I-871.

14. On February 3, 2026, SEBASTIAN was transferred to ERO El Paso Camp East Montana, in El Paso, TX.

15. On February 4, 2026, SEBASTIAN was transferred to Crow Wing County Jail, IA.

16. SEBASTIAN is currently in custody at Crow Wing County Jail, IA, and is pending removal once a determination is made on the reasonable fear claim.

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

Further your affiant sayeth not.

**SETH T
PATRIN**

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Seth T. Patrin, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

February 13, 2026