

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:26-cv-00894-KMM-LIB

VINAY BODEPUDI,

Petitioner,

v.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER A. CAMPBELL**

KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,

Respondents.

I, Christopher A. Campbell, Deportation Officer, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for his declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby states as follows:

1. I am and have been employed with ICE since May 11, 2008. I began my career as an Immigration Enforcement Agent. On September 20, 2015, I was promoted to Deportation Officer.
2. As a Deportation Officer, my assigned duties are to identify, locate, and arrest aliens who are 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 decisions, 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.

3. I submit this Declaration in connection with a Petition for writ of habeas corpus by Vinay BODEPUDI (hereinafter referred to as "BODEPUDI"), A . This Declaration is based on my personal and professional knowledge, information obtained from other individuals employed by ICE, and information obtained from records and systems maintained by DHS, as well as records of the immigration courts.
4. Vinay BODEPUDI is a citizen and national of India. According to ICE records, he entered the United States in 2016, pursuant to a F-1 student visa.
5. Through extensions and work authorizations, BODEPUDI maintained F-1 student status through June 2025.
6. Before BODEPUDI's F-1 student status expired, he sought and was approved for H-1B nonimmigrant status (an employment-related status). This status was valid until June 29, 2025.
7. In July of 2025, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services denied BODEPUDI's application to extend his status, and ICE's systems showed that BODEPUDI's H-1B status was revoked.
8. However, on June 25, 2025, a different employer submitted a change-of-employer petition on BODEPUDI's behalf. That application meant BODEPUDI could automatically remain in valid status for up to 240 days following the expiration of his prior status. As of today, the new employer's application is pending, and the 240-day extension of BODEPUDI's status will expire on February 24, 2026.
9. On January 8, 2026, ICE officers arrested BODEPUDI, based on the denial of his

application to extend his status.

10. BODEPUDI filed this habeas action on January 30, 2026, alleging in pertinent part that he had lawful status on the day of his arrest by virtue of the June 25, 2025, application for extension of H-1B status and transfer of employer. In light of this allegation, ICE conducted further investigation into BODEPUDI's immigration status. It was at this point that ICE located the June 25 application—incorrectly described in the petition as an application to “renew” BODEPUDI's H-1B status. ICE updated its records accordingly.
11. ICE released BODEPUDI from custody on February 1, 2026, following ICE's agreement that BODEPUDI currently has valid H-1B status.

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

Dated: February 26, 2026

CHRISTOPHER A CAMPBELL Digitally signed by CHRISTOPHER A CAMPBELL
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Christopher A. Campbell, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement