

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

WALTER ACUNA CRUZ,

Petitioner,

v.

DAVID EASTERWOOD, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No 0:26-CV-01393

Declaration of Matthew J. Warren

I, Matthew J. Warren, make the following declaration in lieu of an affidavit as permitted by Section 1746 of Title 28 of the United States Code. I am aware that this declaration will be filed with the United States District Court for District of Minnesota and that it is the legal equivalent of a statement under oath. The following declaration is based on my personal knowledge and information that I acquired in my official capacity and in the performance of my official functions.

1. I am a Section Chief for the Service Center Operations Directorate ("SCOPS") at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"), which is within the U.S Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"). I have been employed by USCIS since February 2014. In my current position, I oversee a section responsible for adjudicating the Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-918) and related adjudications.
2. SCOPS provides services for individuals seeking immigration benefits while

ensuring the integrity of our immigration system. SCOPS processes applications and petitions for immigration benefits from requestors that do not require interviews. Annually, SCOPS adjudicate approximately five to six million immigration-related applications, waivers, and requests, including non-immigrant petitions, like Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant status; I-918, Supplement A, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient; Form I-914, Application for T Nonimmigrant Status, Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Derivative T Nonimmigrant Status, Form I-192, Application for Advance Permission to Enter as Nonimmigrant, and I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.

3. I am providing this declaration to provide an update related to Petitioner Walter Acuna Cruz. The matters contained in this declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, my review of applicable USCIS system records, and on information provided to me by other USCIS employees in the course of my official duties as Section Chief
4. Based on information in USCIS systems, Petitioner filed Form I-914 on October 9, 2024.
5. Based on information in USCIS systems, Petitioner filed Form I-918 on October 7, 2025.
6. Petitioners for U nonimmigrant status and T nonimmigrant status must submit biometrics in order for their adjudications to proceed. 8 C.F.R. §§ 214.14(c)(3), 214.204(k).

7. Upon information in DHS systems, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) manually fingerprinted Petitioner on February 19, 2026 and sent the FD-258 fingerprint cards to USCIS via UPS.
8. Based upon the tracking number, the fingerprints were received by USCIS on February 20, 2026.
9. USCIS will employ its normal processes and procedures to review the fingerprints and consider them, and background checks based upon them, in the adjudication of Petitioner's filings.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 24th day of February 2026.

**MATTHEW J
WARREN**

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Section Chief

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