

Your Honorable Judge: Cathy Ann Bencivengo.

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your consideration of my case and for the decision that resulted in my release from the Otay Mesa Detention Center on July 14, 2026.

I am writing to you regarding a serious problem that arose immediately after my release.

When I was detained, ICE officers took my driver's license and employment authorization document. However, these documents were not returned to me when I was released from the Otay Mesa Detention Center.

Before my release, an ICE officer required me to sign Form I-220B. The form contained an incorrect address—an address in Chicago, Illinois. I immediately informed the officer of the error and asked him to correct the address. In response, he said that he did not care and stated, "I am leaving, and you will remain here if you do not sign." He then turned around and began to walk away. Fearing that I would in fact remain in detention, I felt compelled to sign the form even though I knew that the address on it was incorrect.

After signing the form, while my release was being processed, I was in the intake area, where my personal belongings were being checked against a previously prepared inventory. During that process, I did not see my wallet, which had contained my driver's license and employment authorization document. I asked the detention center staff where my wallet and documents were. They told me that my wallet was inside my backpack, but that my driver's license and employment authorization document were being held by ICE officers. I then spoke with an ICE officer who was present in the intake area at that time. He told me that he was not handling my case, did not know where my documents were, and could not return them to me.

I have never been to Chicago and had no plans to travel there. Before leaving San Diego, I asked an acquaintance to contact the ICE office, inform them that I intended to move to Sacramento, and ask about the location of my documents. ICE confirmed that I was permitted to move to Sacramento, but they were unable to provide any information about the location of my driver's license and employment authorization document.

Late in the evening on July 15, 2026, I arrived in Sacramento to stay with friends. The very next day, I went with a friend to the local ICE office in person. There, I provided my current residential address, explained that my documents had not been returned to me upon my release, and asked the officers to determine where the documents were and whether they could be returned to me.

The staff at the Sacramento ICE office listened to me and submitted a request regarding my documents. However, they also advised me that they could not guarantee that the documents would be returned.

I need the following documents returned to me:

- my driver's license;
- my employment authorization.

The absence of these documents is causing me serious difficulties. Without my employment authorization document, I cannot prove my authorization to work legally. Without my driver's license, it is difficult for me to travel, look for work, and manage necessary everyday matters.

With great respect, I ask for your assistance in helping me recover my documents.

Once again, I sincerely thank you for your attention to my case.

With deepest respect and gratitude,
Roman Akimov

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