

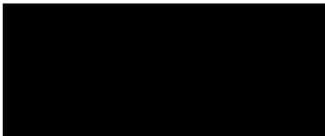


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Immigration and Naturalization Service

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FILE: [Redacted] Office: Seattle

Date: JUL 12 2001

IN RE: Obligor: [Redacted]
Bonded Alien: [Redacted]

IMMIGRATION BOND: Bond Conditioned for the Delivery of an Alien under Section 103
of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1103

IN BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: Self-represented

Public Copy

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information which you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. Id.

Any motion must be filed with the office which originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.7.

FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,
EXAMINATIONS

Robert P. Wiemann, Acting Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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DISCUSSION: The delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, Seattle, Washington, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The district director's decision will be withdrawn and the matter will be remanded for further action.

The record indicates that on August 13, 1997, the obligor posted a \$7,500 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated July 26, 2000, was sent to the obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (the Service) for removal at 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2001, at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On September 8, 2000, the district director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached on September 8, 2000.

On appeal, the obligor provides a letter from the alien's representative dated July 30, 1999, stating that the alien did not breach the bond because the alien was granted a temporary Stay of Deportation on April 20, 1999, and final order for Stay of Deportation on June 17, 1999, by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. That evidence is not present in the record.

Delivery bonds are violated if the obligor fails to cause the bonded alien to be produced or to produce himself/herself to an immigration officer or immigration judge, as specified in the appearance notice, upon each and every written request until removal proceedings are finally terminated, or until the said alien is actually accepted by the Service for detention or removal. Matter of Smith, 16 I&N Dec. 146 (Reg. Comm. 1977).

The regulations provide that an obligor shall be released from liability where there has been "substantial performance" of all conditions imposed by the terms of the bond. 8 C.F.R. 103.6(c)(3). A bond is breached when there has been a substantial violation of the stipulated conditions of the bond. 8 C.F.R. 103.6(e).

8 C.F.R. 103.5a(a)(2) provides that personal service may be effected by any of the following:

- (i) Delivery of a copy personally;
- (ii) Delivery of a copy at a person's dwelling house or usual place of abode by leaving it with some person of suitable age and discretion;
- (iii) Delivery of a copy at the office of an attorney or other person including a corporation, by leaving it with a person in charge;

(iv) Mailing a copy by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed to a person at his last known address.

The bond (Form I-352) provides in pertinent part that the obligor "agrees that any notice to him/her in connection with this bond may be accomplished by mail directed to him/her at the above address." In this case, the Form I-352 listed [REDACTED] as the obligor's address.

Contained in the record is a certified mail receipt which indicates that the Notice to Deliver Alien was sent to the obligor [REDACTED] on July 26, 2000. This notice demanded that the obligor produce the bonded alien for removal on January 8, 2001. The receipt also indicates the obligor received notice to produce the bonded alien on August 4, 2000. Consequently, the record clearly establishes that the district director properly served notice on the obligor in compliance with 8 C.F.R. 103.5a(a)(2)(iv).

Based on the fact that the record fails to contain evidence of the 9th Circuit Court's two decisions referred to on appeal, the decision declaring the bond breached will be withdrawn, and the matter will be remanded for the district director to request and/or provide additional documentation and the entry of a new decision based on such documentation contained in the record.

ORDER: The district director's decision is withdrawn. The matter is remanded for further action and the entry of a new decision based on the foregoing discussion which, if adverse to the obligor, is to be certified to the Associate Commissioner for review.