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IN RE: Obligor:
Bonded Alien:



IMMIGRATION BOND: Bond Conditioned for Voluntary Departure under § 240B of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229c

IN BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: Self-represented

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invasion of personal privacy**

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that 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 that 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 that originally decided your case along with a fee of \$110 as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.7.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, Los Angeles, California, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on February 25, 1999 the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for his voluntary departure. An Order of the Immigration Judge dated February 19, 1999, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before April 20, 1999. The applicant subsequently appealed the judge's decision. On November 29, 2000, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) dismissed the appeal and granted the alien voluntary departure on or before December 28, 2000. The alien filed a motion to reopen which was subsequently denied by the BIA on September 17, 2001. On November 9, 2001, the district director notified the obligor that his bond had been breached. The alien has failed to depart.

On appeal, the obligor asserts that he was not properly represented by counsel.

Any appeal or motion based upon a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel requires: (1) that the claim be supported by an affidavit of the allegedly aggrieved respondent setting forth in detail the agreement that was entered into with counsel with respect to the actions to be taken and what representations counsel did or did not make to the respondent in this regard, (2) that counsel whose integrity or competence is being impugned be informed of the allegations leveled against him and be given an opportunity to respond, and (3) that the appeal or motion reflect whether a complaint has been filed with appropriate disciplinary authorities with respect to any violation of counsel's ethical or legal responsibilities, and if not, why not. *Matter of Lozada*, 19 I&N Dec. 637 (BIA 1988), *aff'd*, 857 F.2d 10 (1st Cir. 1988).

8 C.F.R. § 240.26(c)(3) provides that in order for the voluntary departure bond to be cancelled, the alien must provide proof of departure to the district director.

No satisfactory evidence has been introduced into the record to establish the alien made a timely departure. The service of a notice to surrender or the presence of a certified mail receipt is not required in voluntary departure bond proceedings.

Voluntary departure bonds are exacted to insure that aliens will depart when required in lieu of removal. Such bonds are necessary in order for the Service to function in an orderly manner. After a careful review of the record, it is concluded that the alien failed to depart by the stipulated time, the conditions of the bond have been substantially violated, and the collateral has been forfeited. The decision of the district director will not be disturbed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.