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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: Newark (CNJ)

Date:

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

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

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR: [REDACTED]

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 Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) 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 delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the District Director, Newark, New Jersey, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be sustained. The district director's decision declaring the bond breached will be rescinded and the bond will be continued in full force and effect.

The record indicates that on June 14, 2001, the obligor posted a \$5,000 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated November 1, 2001, was sent to the obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender into the custody of an officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service), now Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2001, at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On April 19, 2002 the district director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached.

On appeal, counsel submits a copy of a certificate of surrender indicating that the alien was surrendered to ICE at Camden, New Jersey on May 6, 2002. Counsel asserts that the bond should be canceled.

The alien was surrendered after the surrender date specified on the Form I-340 Notice to Surrender. As the breach occurred prior to the alien's surrender, the breach was valid and the bond will not be canceled.

It is noted that the present record contains evidence that a properly completed questionnaire with the alien's photograph attached was forwarded to the obligor with the notice to surrender pursuant to the Amwest/Reno Settlement Agreement, entered into on June 22, 1995 by the former INS and Far West Surety Insurance Company.

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

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(a)(2), 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 evidence of record fails to indicate that the Notice to Deliver Alien was sent to the obligor at [REDACTED] on November 1, 2001 via certified mail, or that the obligor received notice to produce the bonded alien on December 3, 2001. The record fails to contain the domestic postal receipt showing that the obligor received the notice. Consequently, the record fails to establish 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 establish that the district director properly served the obligor with the notice to surrender the alien, the appeal will be sustained.

ORDER: The appeal is sustained. The district director's decision declaring the bond breached is rescinded, and the bond is continued in full force and effect.