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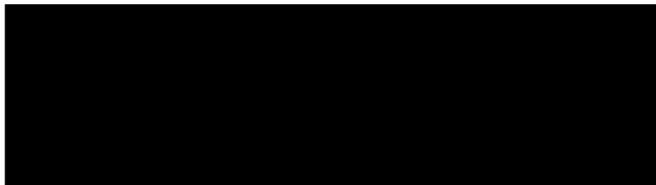
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FILE:

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Obligor:
Bonded Alien:

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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: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office 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.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the Director, Headquarters, Bonds, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that July 14, 2005, the obligor posted a \$15,000 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated July 24, 2007, was sent to the co-obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender into the custody of ICE at 10:00 a.m. within five days of August 13, 2007, at the nearest ICE, Detention and Removal Office. The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On October 17, 2007, the director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached.

The Form I-352 provides that the obligor and co-obligor are jointly and severally liable for the obligations imposed by the bond contract. As such, ICE may pursue a breach of bond against one or both of the contracting parties. *See Restatement (Third) of Suretyship and Guaranty* § 50 (1996). Consequently, the record clearly establishes that the notice was properly served on either the obligor or the co-obligor in compliance with 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(a)(2)(iv). **Reference in this decision to the obligor is equally applicable to the co-obligor and vice versa.**

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien's attorney. Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The alien and the attorney are without standing in this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B).

An immigration bond is a contract between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the obligor. The obligor or its attorney-in-fact is the proper party to appeal the ICE decision to breach the bond. *See Matter of Insurance Company of North America*, 17 I&N Dec. 251 (Act. Reg. Comm. 1978).

The regulations provide that an appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee ICE has accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(A)(1).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.