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Office: WASHINGTON, D.C. Date: **AUG 08 2005**

IN RE:

Obligor:  
Bonded Alie



IMMIGRATION BOND:

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

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mari Johnson".

Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the Field Office Director, Detention and Removal, Washington D.C., and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on March 25, 2003, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for the voluntary departure of the above referenced alien. An order of the immigration judge (IJ) dated March 17, 2003, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before July 15, 2003. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On April 20, 2004 the BIA dismissed the appeal, and granted the alien voluntary departure within 30 days from the date of the order. On February 1, 2005, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached.

On appeal, the obligor asserts that counsel for the bonded alien requested an extension of his [the alien] voluntary departure date.

The obligor, however, fails to submit any documentary evidence to support his claim. Simply going on record without supporting documentary evidence is not sufficient for purposes of meeting the burden of proof in these proceedings. *Matter of Soffici*, 22 I&N Dec. 158, 165 (Comm. 1998) (citing *Matter of Treasure Craft of California*, 14 I&N Dec. 190 (Reg. Comm. 1972)).

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 1240.26(c)(3) provides that in order for the voluntary departure bond to be cancelled, the alien must provide proof of departure to the field office 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 ensure that aliens will depart when required in lieu of removal. Such bonds are necessary in order for Immigration and Customs Enforcement 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 field office director will not be disturbed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.