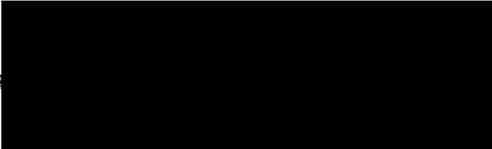


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FILE:



Office: LOS ANGELES

Date: JUN 14 2000

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

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.

*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, Los Angeles, California, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on June 19, 2003, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for his voluntary departure. An order of the immigration judge (IJ) dated June 16, 2003, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before August 15, 2003. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On November 1, 2004, the BIA, affirmed, without opinion, the IJ's decision, and granted the alien voluntary departure within 30 days from the date of the order. On December 2, 2004, the alien petitioned the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for review of the BIA's decision. On January 7, 2005, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached.

On appeal, the alien asserts that he has an appeal currently pending before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

An appeal to the federal court of appeals does not stay the execution of the removal order unless the court orders otherwise. Section 242(b)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1252(b)(3)(B). There is no evidence of record to indicate that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has stayed the bonded alien's removal. The record does reflect that on December 10, 2004, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals informed the alien that it may lack jurisdiction over the petition as the petition was not filed within 30 days from the issuance of the BIA's decision. The alien was granted 21 days in which to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. On February 4, 2005, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the petition.

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.