

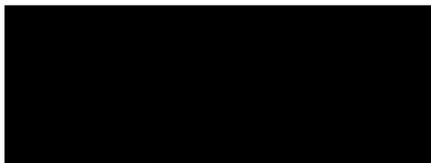
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FILE:



Office: LOS ANGELES

Date:

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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

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 black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
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 April 11, 2005, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for his voluntary departure. On April 7, 2005, an immigration judge (IJ) issued an order granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before June 6, 2005. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On June 30, 2006, the BIA affirmed, without opinion, the IJ's decision, and granted the alien voluntary departure within 60 days from the date of the order. On February 12, 2007, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached on August 29, 2006.

On appeal, the obligor asserts that he has a pending appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Ninth Circuit).

The record contains a printout from the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) website, which indicates there is no record of an appeal being filed before the Ninth Circuit under the alien's name. The obligor did not submit evidence of filing an appeal with the Ninth Circuit. 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 alien was granted 60 days from the BIA's order of June 30, 2006 to leave the United States. The alien did not leave as required on or before August 29, 2006. The field office director's decision of February 12, 2007 declaring the bond breached is valid.

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.