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FILE:



Office: HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Date: **AUG 30 2007**

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission into the United States after  
Deportation or Removal under Section 212(a)(9)(A) of the Immigration and  
Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:

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 application for permission to reapply for admission after removal was denied by the District Director, Harlingen, Texas, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Mexico who attempted to enter the United States by falsely claiming United States citizenship on February 12, 2000. On the same day, the applicant was removed to Mexico. The applicant is inadmissible to the United States under sections 212(a)(9)(A)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(9)(A)(ii), 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), and 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii). He now seeks permission to reapply for admission into the United States, in order to reside with his United States citizen wife and two United States citizen children.

The District Director determined that the applicant is inadmissible pursuant to sections 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), and 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(C)(ii), for being present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, and for falsely claiming United States citizenship. The District Director found that he “has no discretion in this matter. After September 30, 1996, a false claim to United States citizenship is a permanent bar. [The applicant] presented no evidence that [he is] eligible for the exception.” *District Director’s Decision*, dated December 16, 2005. The District Director denied the applicant’s Application for Permission to Reapply for Admission After Deportation or Removal (Form I-212) accordingly. *Id.*

Section 212(a)(9). Aliens previously removed.-

(A) Certain alien previously removed.-

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(ii) Other aliens.- Any alien not described in clause (i) who-

(I) has been ordered removed under section 240 or any other provision of law, or

(II) departed the United States while an order of removal was outstanding, and seeks admission within 10 years of the date of such alien’s departure or removal (or within 20 years of such date in the case of a second or subsequent removal or at any time in the case of an aliens convicted of an aggravated felony) is inadmissible.

(iii) Exception.- Clauses (i) and (ii) shall not apply to an alien seeking admission within a period if, prior to the date of the aliens’ reembarkation at a place outside the United States or attempt to be admitted from foreign continuous territory, the Attorney General [now, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security] has consented to the aliens’ reapplying for admission.

Section 212(a)(6). Illegal entrants and immigration violators.-

(A) Aliens present without admission or parole.-

(i) In general.- An alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrives in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General [now, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security], is inadmissible.

(C) Misrepresentation.-

(ii) Falsely claiming citizenship.-

(I) In general.- Any alien who falsely represents, or has falsely represented, himself or herself to be a citizen of the United States for any purpose or benefit under this Act (including section 274A) or any other Federal or State law is inadmissible.

The AAO notes that aliens making false claims to United States citizenship on or after September 30, 1996 are ineligible to apply for a Form I-601 waiver. *See* Sections 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) and (iii) of the Act. As the applicant's false claim to United States citizenship occurred after September 30, 1996, the applicant is clearly inadmissible to the United States and not eligible for a waiver under section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. Additionally, the applicant is inadmissible under section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Act for being present without admissible or parole.

On appeal, the applicant states that he would "like to reunite" with his wife and children, who are all United States citizens, "to give them the future they deserve without any economical obstacles and without any insecurities." *Form I-290B*, filed January 19, 2006. The applicant states he has been working at [REDACTED] but these wages are not sufficient to maintain stable [sic] home." *Statement from the applicant*, dated January 16, 2006. The AAO notes that the applicant is employed in Mexico and it has not been demonstrated that he cannot help to support his family from a location outside of the United States. The applicant claims that "[t]he crime [he] committed was a simple mistake...at that time [they] were young and were anxious to come to the United Sates [sic], [they] did not think of any consequences." *Id.* The applicant's wife states she wants to return to the United States so that her children can attend school. *Statement from [REDACTED]*, dated June 14, 2006. The AAO notes that the applicant's wife and children are United States citizens and can return to the United States at any time.

*Matter of Martinez-Torres*, 10 I&N Dec. 776 (reg. Comm. 1964) held that an application for permission to reapply for admission is denied, in the exercise of discretion, to an alien who is mandatorily inadmissible to the United States under another section of the Act, and no purpose would be served in granting the application.

The applicant is subject to the provisions of section 212(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act. No waiver is available to an alien who has made a false claim to United States citizenship, therefore, no purpose would be served in the

favorable exercise of discretion in adjudicating the application to reapply for admission into the United States under section 212(a)(9)(A)(iii) of the Act. As the applicant is statutorily inadmissible to the United States, the Form I-212 was properly denied by the District Director.

Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361, provides that the burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that she is eligible for the benefit sought. After a careful review of the record, it is concluded that the applicant has failed to establish that a favorable exercise of the Secretary's discretion is warranted. Accordingly, the appeal will be dismissed.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.