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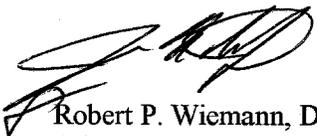
IN RE: Applicant: 

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:


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, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The director determined that the applicant was ineligible for TPS because he had been convicted of a felony committed in the United States. The director, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant asserts that he is attempting to have the conviction reduced.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2) states, in pertinent part, that the affected party shall file an appeal, with fee, including any supporting brief with the office where the unfavorable decision was made within 30 days after service of the decision.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(1) states, in part:

An appeal which is not filed within the time allowed must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee the Service has accepted will not be refunded.

Additionally, 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states, in part:

If an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen as described in § 103.5(a)(2) of this part or a motion to reconsider as described in § 103.5(a)(3) of this part, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case.

The applicant's statement, on appeal, does not meet the requirements of a motion.

8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b) states, in part, that whenever a person has the right or is required to do some act within a prescribed period after the service of a notice upon him and the notice is served by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period. Service by mail is complete upon mailing.

The record reflects that the director denied the application on March 11, 2003. The applicant was advised that he may file an appeal, along with the required fee and any supporting brief, within 30 days of the service of the decision. On April 16, 2003, the appeal was received, with fee, at the Texas Service Center, the office where the unfavorable decision was made.

Based on the applicant's failure to file a timely appeal, the appeal will be rejected.

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.