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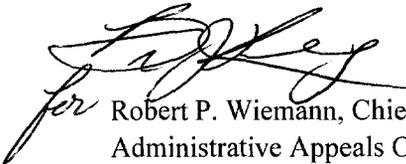
Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

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.

*for*   
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The applicant's temporary protected status was withdrawn by the District Director, Chicago, Illinois, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Honduras 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 had been convicted of a felony or two or more misdemeanors in the United States. The director, therefore, withdrew the applicant's temporary protected status.

On appeal, the applicant states, "My convictions are for minor misdemeanors, that have nothing to do with drugs, violence or moral turpitude."

The director may withdraw the status of an alien granted temporary protected status under section 244 of the Act at any time if it is determined that the alien failed without good cause to register with the Attorney General annually within thirty (30) days before the end of each 12-month period after the granting of TPS. 8 C.F.R. § 244.14.

Section 244(c) of the Act, and the related regulations in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2, provide that an applicant who is a national of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General is eligible for temporary protected status only if such alien establishes that he or she:

- (a) Is a national, as defined in section 101(a)(21) of the Act, of a foreign state designated under section 244(b) of the Act;
- (b) Has been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation of that foreign state;
- (c) Has continuously resided in the United States since such date as the Attorney General may designate;
- (d) Is admissible as an immigrant except as provided under section 244.3;
- (e) Is not ineligible under 8 C.F.R. § 244.4; and
- (f)
  - (1) Registers for TPS during the initial registration period announced by public notice in the *Federal Register*, or
  - (2) During any subsequent extension of such designation, if at the time of the initial registration period: ....

Section 244(c) ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.-

(2) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS.-

(B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE. - An alien shall not be eligible for temporary protected status under this section if the Attorney General finds that-

(i) the alien has been convicted of any felony or 2 misdemeanors committed in the United States,....

"Misdemeanor" means a crime committed in the United States, either (1) punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or less, regardless of the term such alien actually served, if any, or (2) a crime treated as a misdemeanor under the term "felony" of this section. For purposes of this definition, any crime punishable by imprisonment for a maximum term of five days or less shall not be considered a misdemeanor. 8 C.F.R. § 244.1.

The record reveals:

1. On November 14, 2002, the applicant was convicted of "Driving While License Suspended/Prior."
2. On October 15, 1997, the applicant was convicted of "OWI."
3. On April 18, 1996, the applicant was convicted of "No Insurance."
4. On April 18, 1996, the applicant was convicted of "No Ops Ever Obtained."

The applicant is ineligible for temporary protected status because he has been convicted of more than two misdemeanors. 8 C.F.R. § 244.4(a).

The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that he or she meets the above requirements. The applicant's statement, on appeal, does not overcome the adverse evidence in the record. Consequently, the director's decision to deny the application for temporary protected status will be affirmed.

On August 24, 2005, a Warrant of Removal/Deportation, Form I-205, was issued. The record does not reflect that the applicant appeared at the Chicago, Illinois District Office for his enforced departure on September 29, 2005.

An alien applying for temporary protected status has the burden of proving that he or she meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.