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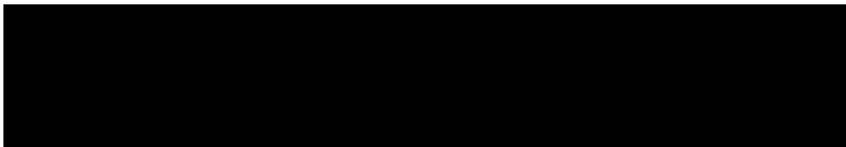


FILE: [REDACTED] Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER Date: APR 30 2008
[EAC 08 062 51992, *appeal*]
[SRC 01 203 56543]

IN RE: Applicant: [REDACTED]

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 Vermont Service Center. 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DISCUSSION: The applicant's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was withdrawn by the Director, Vermont Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who was granted TPS on August 14, 2002. The director subsequently withdrew the applicant's status and denied the re-registration application on November 21, 2007, when it was determined that the applicant had been convicted of intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle, in the United States, a felony.

On appeal, counsel submits an affidavit from the applicant outlining the events leading to his arrest and felony conviction, explaining his remorse for his actions and explaining that he needs work authorization approval so that he can continue to provide the court ordered financial help to the victim's relatives in Honduras.

Citizenship and Immigration Services may withdraw TPS if the alien was not eligible at the time the status was granted, or if he or she becomes ineligible for TPS. 8 C.F.R. § 244.14(a)(1).

Section 244(c) of the Act, and the related regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 244.2, provide that an applicant is eligible for TPS only if such alien establishes that he or she:

- (a) Is a national of a 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 Temporary Protected Status 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:
 - (i) The applicant is a nonimmigrant or has been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;
 - (ii) The applicant has an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure, or any relief from removal which is pending or subject to further review or appeal;

(iii) The applicant is a parolee or has a pending request for reparole; or

(iv) The applicant is a spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant.

- (g) Has filed an application for late registration with the appropriate Service director within a 60-day period immediately following the expiration or termination of conditions described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

An alien shall not be eligible for temporary protected status under this section if the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security finds that the alien has been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors committed in the United States. Section 244(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Act and the regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 244.4(a).

The regulations at 8 C.F.R. § 244.1 define “felony” and “misdemeanor” as:

Felony means a crime committed in the United States, punishable by imprisonment for a term of more than one year, regardless of the term such alien actually served, if any, except: When the offense is defined by the State as a misdemeanor and the sentence actually imposed is one year or less regardless of the term such alien actually served. Under this exception for purposes of section 244 of the Act, the crime shall be treated as a misdemeanor.

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.

The record reflects that on July 24, 2003, the applicant was convicted by a Judge in the 299th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, of “Intoxication Manslaughter,” a felony. (Cause # D1DC05301938).

On appeal, the applicant outlines the events leading to his arrest and felony conviction, explains his remorse for his actions and explains that he needs work authorization approval so that he can continue to provide the court ordered financial help to the victim’s relatives in Honduras. This statement does not mitigate the above conviction.

The applicant is ineligible for TPS due to his record of a felony conviction, detailed above. Section 244(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Act and 8 C.F.R. § 244.4(a). Consequently, the director's decision to withdraw TPS and deny the re-registration application is affirmed.

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.