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FILE: [redacted] Office: LOS ANGELES Date:

IN RE: Obligor: [redacted]
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.

Mari Johnson

Robert P. Wiemann, Director
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 rejected.

The record indicates that on February 26, 2003, the obligor posted a $500.00 bond conditioned for the voluntary departure of the above reference alien. An order of the immigration judge (IJ) dated February 24, 2003, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before April 25, 2003. The bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On April 16, 2004, the BIA dismissed the appeal, and granted the alien voluntary departure within 30 days from the date of the order. On June 8, 2004, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached.

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien. Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The alien is without standing in this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a).

An immigration bond is a contract between ICE and the obligor. The obligor or his attorney-in-fact is the proper party to appeal the ICE decision to breach the bond. *See Matter of Insurance Company of North America*, 17 I&N Dec. 251 (Act. Reg. Comm. 1978).

The regulations provide that an appeal filed by a person or entity not entitled to file it must be rejected as improperly filed. In such a case, any filing fee ICE has accepted will not be refunded. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.