

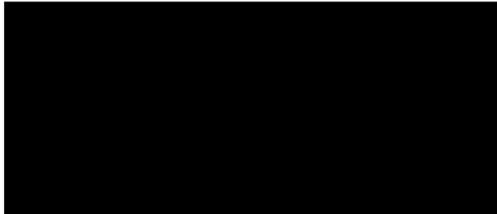
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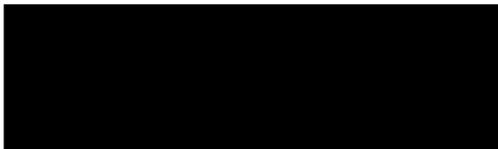
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Date: **JUL 11 2011** Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER FILE: 

IN RE: PETITIONER: 

PETITION: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Classification as a Victim of a Qualifying Crime Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(U) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center, denied the Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-918). A subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The matter is now before the AAO on a motion to reopen and reconsider. The motion will be dismissed and the petition will remain denied.

In order to properly file a motion, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) provides that the affected party must file the motion within 30 days of service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the motion must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The record indicates that the AAO issued its decision on September 23, 2010. The petitioner incorrectly filed the motion with the AAO on October 22, 2010. The motion is not properly filed until the Vermont Service Center receives it. The AAO returned the motion to the petitioner and informed her that she had incorrectly filed the motion with this office. On November 9, 2010, or 47 days after the decision was issued, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) received the motion. Accordingly, the motion was untimely filed.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) states that failure to file a motion to reopen within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen may be excused where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and was beyond the control of the petitioner. The petitioner fails to provide any explanation as to why she did not properly file the motion within 30 days of the issuance of the decision.

As the motion was untimely filed it must be dismissed pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4), for failing to meet applicable requirements.

ORDER: The motion is dismissed and the petition remains denied.