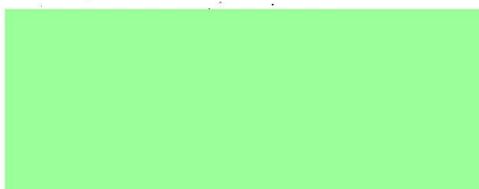
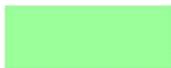


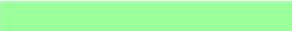
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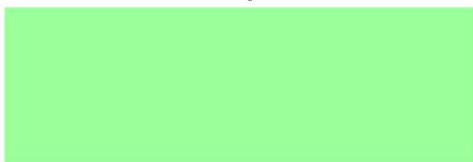


DATE: **APR 19 2013** Office: VERMONT SERVICE CENTER FILE:  (Petitioner)
(Beneficiary)

IN RE: Petitioner: 
Beneficiary: 

PETITION: Petition for a Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Nonimmigrant Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(U)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(ii)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



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 AAO inappropriately applied the law 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 in accordance with the instructions on Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630, or a request for a fee waiver. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file any motion directly with the AAO.** 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,

Ron Rosenberg
Acting Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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DISCUSSION: The Director, Vermont Service Center (the director), denied the petitioner's U nonimmigrant status petition (Form I-918 U petition) and denied the Petition for Qualifying Family Member of a U-1 Recipient (Form I-918 Supplement A) submitted by the petitioner on behalf of his spouse. The matter is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner seeks nonimmigrant classification of the beneficiary under section 101(a)(15)(U)(ii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act ("the Act"), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(U)(ii), as a qualifying family member of a U nonimmigrant.

The director denied the petitioner's I-918 U petition because he failed to establish that he was the victim of qualifying criminal activity and he was, therefore, unable to meet the statutory requirements at section 101(a)(15)(U)(i) of the Act. The petitioner appealed the director's adverse finding.

In a separate proceeding, the AAO dismissed the petitioner's appeal on the basis that he did not meet the eligibility requirements pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(U)(i) of the Act. As the petitioner has been found ineligible for U nonimmigrant classification, his spouse is ineligible for nonimmigrant classification as the qualifying relative of a U nonimmigrant pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(U)(ii)(II) of the Act. Consequently, the Form I-918 Supplement A that the petitioner submitted on behalf of his spouse cannot be approved. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 214.14(a)(10).

In these proceedings, the burden of proving eligibility for the benefit sought remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361; 8 C.F.R. § 214.14(c)(4), (f)(5). Here, that burden has not been met.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. The petition remains denied.