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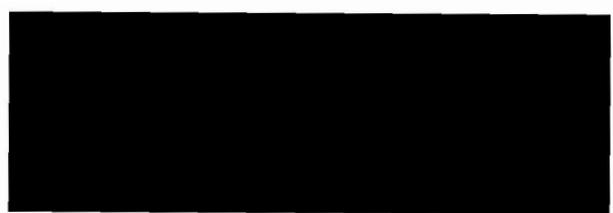
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FILE: [Redacted] Office: CLEVELAND Date: OCT 03 2006

IN RE: Obligor: [Redacted]
Bonded Alien: [Redacted]

IMMIGRATION BOND: Bond Conditioned for the Delivery of an Alien under Section 103 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1103

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.

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Σ Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The delivery bond in this matter was declared breached by the Field Office Director, Detention and Removal, Cleveland, Ohio, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that on April 9, 2003, the obligor posted a \$25,000 bond conditioned for the delivery of the above referenced alien. A Notice to Deliver Alien (Form I-340) dated February 24, 2006, was sent to the obligor via certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice demanded the bonded alien's surrender into the custody of an officer of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2006, at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The obligor failed to present the alien, and the alien failed to appear as required. On April 26, 2006, the field office director informed the obligor that the delivery bond had been breached.

The appeal has been filed by the bonded alien's attorney. Only an affected party, a person or entity with legal standing may file an appeal of an unfavorable decision. The alien and the attorney are without standing in this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(iii)(B).¹

An immigration bond is a contract between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the obligor. The obligor or its 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)(A)(I).

ORDER: The appeal is rejected.

¹ The Form I-290B was executed by [REDACTED] who claimed to be representing the obligor. On July 31, 2006, the AAO provided counsel with an opportunity to submit a properly executed Form G-28 signed by counsel and the obligor. Counsel, however, submitted a Form G-28 signed by counsel and the bonded alien.