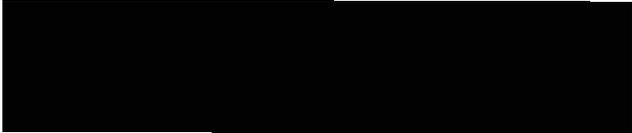


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FILE:



Office: LOS ANGELES

Date:

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IN RE:

Obligor:  
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.

Σ Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
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 (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be rejected.

The record indicates that on January 20, 2004, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for his voluntary departure. On January 13, 2004, an immigration judge (IJ) issued an order granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before March 14, 2004. On February 13, 2004, the bonded alien appealed the IJ's decision to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). On February 26, 2004, the BIA dismissed the appeal due to lack of jurisdiction. On March 7, 2005 the field office director concluded the bond had been breached.

In order to properly file an appeal, the regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(i) provides that the affected party must file the complete appeal within 30 days after service of the unfavorable decision. If the decision was mailed, the appeal must be filed within 33 days. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5a(b).

The record indicates that the field office director issued the Notice-Immigration Bond Breached on March 7, 2005. It is noted that the field office director properly gave notice to the obligor that it had 33 days to file the appeal. The obligor dated the appeal April 18, 2005, and it was received by Immigration and Customs Enforcement on April 19, 2005, 43 days after the decision was issued. Accordingly, the appeal was untimely filed.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(2)(v)(B)(2) states that, if an untimely appeal meets the requirements of a motion to reopen or a motion to reconsider, the appeal must be treated as a motion, and a decision must be made on the merits of the case. The official having jurisdiction over a motion is the official who made the last decision in the proceeding, in this case the field office director. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(ii). The field office director declined to treat the late appeal as a motion and forwarded the matter to the AAO.

As the appeal was untimely filed, the appeal must be rejected.

**ORDER:** The appeal is rejected.