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IN RE: PETITIONER:
BENEFICIARY:

PETITION: Petition for U Nonimmigrant Classification for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient 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 (AAO) in your case.

This is a non-precedent decision. The AAO does not announce new constructions of law nor establish agency policy through non-precedent decisions. If you believe the AAO incorrectly applied current law or policy to your case or if you seek to present new facts for consideration, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen, respectively. Any motion must be filed on a Notice of Appeal or Motion (Form I-290B) within 33 days of the date of this decision. **Please review the Form I-290B instructions at http://www.uscis.gov/forms for the latest information on fee, filing location, and other requirements.** *See also* 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. **Do not file a motion directly with the AAO.**

Thank you,

Ron Rosenberg
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

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

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-1 nonimmigrant.

The director denied the petitioner's Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-918 U petition), because the petitioner did not establish that he was a victim of qualifying criminal activity or that he had suffered resultant substantial physical or mental abuse. The petitioner appealed the director's adverse finding.

In a separate proceeding, we dismissed the petitioner's appeal because he did not establish that he was the victim of a qualifying crime. As the petitioner's Form I-918 U petition remains denied, the beneficiary 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 the beneficiary cannot be approved. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 214.14(a)(10).

In visa petition proceedings, it is the petitioner's burden to establish eligibility for the immigration benefit sought. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361; *Matter of Otiende*, 26 I&N Dec. 127, 128 (BIA 2013). Here, that burden has not been met.

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