UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SHAWNET NICKESHA MCDONALD

Petitioner,

v.

LADEON FRANCIS, *et al.*,

Respondents.

No. 25 Civ. 9355 (JAV)

DECLARATION OF SUPERVISORY DEPORTATION OFFICER LIGE HAMPTON

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Lige Hampton, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"). I started as a Deportation Officer in May of 2012. I have been serving in my current capacity as a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer ("SDDO") since August of 2021. As a SDDO, I oversee a team of Deportation Officers who manage the cases of aliens who are in immigration proceedings. Once an alien is ordered removed from the United States, my team facilitates the alien's removal by coordinating with the government of the alien's country of removal to obtain proper travel documents.

2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Shawnet Nickesha McDonald ("Petitioner"), on November 7, 2025. McDonald has been assigned the following Alien Number [redacted] I make this declaration in my official capacity, and the following representations are based on my review of the Petitioner's administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.

3. McDonald, is a native and citizen of Jamaica, unlawfully entered the United States without inspection at or around San Ysidro, California, on January 30, 2023.

4. On January 30, 2023, a Border Patrol Agent with U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") encountered Petitioner present in the United States without inspection near San Ysidro, California. It was determined that she unlawfully entered the United States without inspection, admission or parole.

5. On January 31, 2023, Petitioner was personally served with the Notice to Appear ("NTA"), which charged her as inadmissible pursuant to Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") section 212(a)(6)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled.

6. On February 1, 2023, Petitioner was released from CBP custody on her own recognizance under the Alternative to Detention Program, pursuant to a Form I-220A.

7. On February 17, 2023, DHS filed the NTA with the New York Immigration Court located at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, thereby commencing Petitioner's removal proceedings. Petitioner's master calendar hearing was scheduled for May 22, 2023.

8. However, on May 18, 2023, the Immigration Court vacated Petitioner's master calendar hearing and issued a scheduling order that directed Petitioner to file written pleadings within 30 days.

9. DHS was directed to reply, if necessary, to the written pleadings within 20 days of the Petitioner's filing. If the Petitioner did not file written pleadings within the 30-day deadline, DHS could seek an order for removal for Petitioner's failure to prosecute her claim.

10. Petitioner did not file a response within the 30 days of the Immigration Court's order and DHS did not seek an order for Petitioner's removal at that time.

11. ICE records indicate that on September 16, 2023, Petitioner was arrested by the New York City Police Department in Kings County, New York and charged with Menacing in the Second Degree: Weapon, in violation of New York Penal Law ("N.Y.P.L") § 120.14.

12. ICE records indicate that on March 19, 2024, Petitioner was arrested by the New York City Police Department in Kings County, New York and charged with Assault in the Second Degree, in violation of N.Y.P.L. § 120.05; Two Counts of Assault in the Third Degree, in violation of N.Y.P.L. § 120.00; and Harassment in the Second Degree, in violation of N.Y.P.L. § 240.26.

13. On September 9, 2024, the Immigration Court issued a Notice of In-Person Hearing (NOH) which scheduled the Petitioner's master calendar hearing to March 24, 2025.

14. On March 24, 2025, Petitioner appeared in person and proceeded *pro se* for her initial master calendar hearing. The Immigration Judge adjourned the matter until August 28, 2025.

15. On August 28, 2025, Petitioner appeared in person *pro se* for her second master calendar hearing. However, the Immigration Court did not conduct her hearing because of a scheduling conflict. The Immigration Court adjourned her master calendar hearing to November 7, 2025.

16. On November 7, 2025, Petitioner appeared in person for her third master calendar hearing at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan. ICE took Petitioner into custody and transported her to ICE's processing space at 26 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, pursuant to INA § 235(b)(A), 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A). Petitioner was served with a Warrant for Arrest of Alien (Form I-200), Notice of Fee Assessment Under 8 U.S.C. § 1815 (Form 1815), a separate form

entitled "Important Information about Section 236(a) Initial Detention Decisions," a copy of the Online Detainee Locator System Privacy Notice and a list of pro bono legal service providers.

17. Petitioner was also advised of her right to consular notification. Petitioner agreed to have the Jamaican consulate notified of her detention.

18. Following processing, Petitioner remained at ICE's processing space at 26 Federal Plaza until approximately 8:37 a.m. on November 9, 2025, when she was transferred to a flight to Louisiana.

19. On November 9, 2025, DHS filed a Form I-830, Notice to EOIR: Alien Address, with the New York Immigration Court notifying it that Petitioner was in ICE custody in Monroe, Louisiana.

20. On November 9, 2025, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Petitioner was transferred to the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center located in Basile, Louisiana.

21. On November 10, 2025, DHS notified the New York Immigration Court that Petitioner was in ICE custody at the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center located in Basile, Louisiana. Petitioner's case was subsequently transferred to the Oakdale Immigration Court in Oakdale, Louisiana.

22. The Oakdale Immigration Court sent the Notice of Hearing to the South Louisiana ICE Processing Center in care of the custodial officer at the facility. Petitioner's next master calendar is scheduled for a virtual master calendar hearing on December 2, 2025.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Dated: November 20, 2025
New York, New York

Lige Hampton
Supervisory Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement