

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 26-cv-00561 (KMM/JFD)

Elvis Joel Tipan Echeverria,

Petitioner,

v.

Pamela Bondi, Attorney General, et al.,

Respondents.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON**

William J. Robinson, Deportation Officer, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for his declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 hereby states as follows:

1. The following declaration is based on a review of the Plaintiff's alien file, official records checks, and information relayed to me by other officials.
2. I am and have been employed with DHS since September 8, 2008. I began my career as an Immigration Enforcement Agent. On September 20, 2015, I was promoted to Deportation Officer, my current position.
3. As a Deportation Officer, my assigned duties are to identify, locate, and arrest aliens illegally present in the United States. Additionally, I am charged with the responsibility of overseeing the cases of aliens in removal proceedings. These duties include the review of alien files for sufficiency, the detention and release of aliens in ICE custody, monitoring the progress of cases through the hearing process, and enforcement of the immigration court's decision, including the execution of removal orders. I am also responsible for

presenting criminal immigration cases to the United States Attorney's Office for possible criminal prosecution.

4. Elvis Joel Tipan Echeverria (Hereinafter referred to as "TIPAN") is a citizen and national of Ecuador.

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6. USBP first encountered TIPAN on or about May 24, 2024, at or near Brownsville, TX. TIPAN was processed as part of the Family Expedited Removal Management (FERM) credible fear proceedings and was issued a Notice and Order of Expedited Removal, Form I-860.

7. On May 28, 2024, TIPAN was placed on Alternatives to Detention (ATD) dual technology, GPS tracking and smartlink, given a date to report in at the ICE office at Ft. Snelling, MN on June 5, 2024 and scheduled for an asylum interview on June 12, 2024.

8. On June 17, 2024, after many failed attempts to contact TIPAN, he failed to report to the ICE office, was terminated from ATD and was deemed a FERM absconder.

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10. On January 22, 2026, United States Border Patrol (USBP) encountered, arrested, and detained TIPAN in Minneapolis, MN during Operation Metro Surge. USBP targeted TIPAN due to being a FERM absconder. TIPAN was with his minor daughter during this encounter.

11. On January 22, 2026, at 1830 hrs. (6:30 pm, CST), ICE Juvenile & Family Management Transportation & Compliance Unit (JFMTCU) Contractor took custody of TIPAN and his minor daughter at the St. Paul ERO Field Office for transport to the San

Antonio Resident Office.

12. On January 23, 2026 at 1540 hrs. (5:40 pm, CST), ICE JFMTCU Contractor transferred back custody of TIPAN and his minor daughter to ICE juvenile agents at St. Paul ERO Office. The minor was released to counsel on January 23, 2026. TIPAN was interviewed and stated he wants to return to Ecuador as soon as possible. Immigration databases show TIPAN has an Expedited Removal Order. ICE is currently working on getting a true and correct copy. TIPAN is currently at the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building awaiting placement at a local county jail.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. J. Robinson', is written over a horizontal line.

William J. Robinson, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DATED: January 24, 2026