UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
CASE 0:26-cv-01429-JRT-JFD

Riky MORALES LOPEZ
Petitioner,

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, DHS; IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, ICE; DIRECTOR OF ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE ICE; ADMINISTRATOR SHERBURNE COUNTY JAIL; and ACTING DIRECTOR ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE ICE, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN NORTHWOOD DEPORTATION OFFICER

I, BENJAMIN NORTHWOOD, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Deportation Officer ("DO") employed by the United States Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations ("ERO"). I am and have been employed with ICE since December 15, 2025
2. I have been tasked with reviewing and responding to a request for records regarding Riky MORALES LOPEZ (Petitioner).
3. I make this declaration based on my personal and professional knowledge, my review of records and systems maintained by ICE in the regular course of business, and information provided by other agents and officers.

4. Petitioner is a native and citizen of Guatemala, who entered without authorization, on an unknown date and at an unknown location. Petitioner has never been inspected, admitted or paroled.

5. On February 15, 2026, ICE/ERO issued and served Petitioner with a Notice to Appear (NTA).

6. On August 11, 2026, Dakota County Sheriff arrested Petitioner on a warrant-related entry related to an arrest by Rosemount Police Department on June 4, 2025, for carrying a BB gun, rifle, shotgun, or assault weapon in a public place, driving without a valid license and an uninsured vehicle violation, filed in Dakota County District Court under case number 19HACR251095. Petitioner was then convicted on August 12, 2026, in Dakota County District Court, under Minn. Stat. 624.7181.2 and Minn. Stat. 169.797.3.

7. On August 11, 2026, ICE/ERO encountered Petitioner at the Dakota County Jail during routine ICE Criminal Alien Program (CAP) operations. ICE/ERO officers conducted records checks in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) databases, with biometric confirmation of identity that indicated that Petitioner was unlawfully present in the United Stated and in ongoing removal proceedings. ICE/ERO lodged an Immigration Detainer, Form I-247A with a Warrant for Alien Arrest, Form I-200, issued by an acting Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (SDDO).

8. On August 12, 2026, ICE/ERO responded to Dakota County Jail, identified themselves as immigration officers, served Petitioner with the Form I-200, and took Petitioner into custody without incident. ICE/ERO transported Petitioner to Whipple Federal Building for further administrative processing.

9. On August 12, 2026, ICE/ERO transferred Petitioner to Sherburne County Jail where he remains detained.
10. Attached to this declaration are true and correct copies of the records identified as Forms I-200, I-247A, I-213, and I-862.
11. The Forms I-200, I-247A, I-213, and I-862 were kept in the course of a regularly conducted activity of DHS/ICE.
12. The Forms I-200, I-247A, I-213, and I-862 were made by DHS/ICE employees based on information obtained from immigration officers, Petitioner, and law-enforcement or immigration records regularly maintained in the ordinary course of business by DHS/ICE.
13. Making and maintaining Forms I-200, I-247A, I-213, and I-862 is a regular practice of DHS/ICE.
14. The remaining attached records are true and correct copies of records maintained in or obtained from government records systems available to ICE/ERO in the ordinary course of its duties.

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

BENJAMIN E NORTHWOOD

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BENJAMIN NORTHWOOD, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
DATED: AUGUST 19. 2026