

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 26-CV-1577

Gerardo Sanchez-Acuna
Petitioner,

v.

Easterwood *et al.*,

Respondents.

**DECLARATION OF
DEPORTATION OFFICER
GENEVA A. BALENCIA**

I, Geneva A. Balencia, Deportation Officer United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), for her declaration under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 hereby states as follows:

1. I am and have been employed with DHS since May 04, 2015. I began my career as a Border Patrol Agent. On or about April 07, 2024, I was promoted to my current position as a Deportation Officer.
2. Petitioner is a native and citizen of Mexico. The United States and Mexico maintain established repatriation procedures that permit the return of Mexican nationals without the need for advance issuance of a travel document by Mexican authorities. ICE ERO is able to effectuate removals to Mexico without the need to obtain a separate travel document from Mexican authorities in each case, as nationality can be verified through available records and biographic information.
3. Petitioner has a final order of removal and is currently scheduled for repatriation on or about May 1, 2026. ICE ERO has coordinated all necessary arrangements to effectuate the removal, and there are no outstanding administrative,

legal or logistical barriers preventing execution of order.

4. Given Petitioner's confirmed Mexican nationality, the absence of any travel document requirement, and the scheduled removal date, there is a significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. ICE ERO is prepared to execute the removal in accordance with established repatriation procedures

5. ICE ERO continues to act diligently and in good faith to effectuate Petitioner's removal. Given the scheduled removal and established repatriation procedures with Mexico, Petitioner's detention remains lawful under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: April 28, 2026

**GENEVA A
BALENCIA**

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Geneva A. Balencia, Deportation Officer
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement