UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
CASE 26-CV-03300

Omar DERONJIC
Petitioner,

v.

RESPONDENTS, *et al.*,
Respondents.

Case No. 26-cv-03300

DECLARATION OF
SETH T. PATRIN
DEPORTATION OFFICER

I, SETH T. PATRIN, 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 August 16, 2020.
2. I have been tasked with reviewing and responding to a request for records regarding PETITIONER Omar Deronjic ("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. To issue travel documents for repatriation, the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Bosnia) requires verified U.S. records, such as a U.S. identification card, confirming the individual's identity.
5. Within ICE/ERO Headquarters (HQ), Removal and International Operations (RIO) is the specialized division that manages, coordinates, and executes the logistics of returning noncitizens to countries globally. For Bosnia, all communication between the Bosnian

Embassy and ICE/ERO occurs between HQ RIO and the embassy. Local ICE/ERO offices do not communicate directly with the Bosnian Embassy.

6. ICE/ERO St. Paul Field Office first submitted a travel-document package for Petitioner to HQ RIO on February 7, 2026. HQ RIO advised that the Bosnian Embassy would not accept the package because it was missing a valid U.S.-issued identification document. ICE/ERO St. Paul contacted Petitioner for a U.S. identification document, but he was unable to provide one. ICE/ERO then began the process to obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

7. On July 14, 2026, ICE/ERO received an EAD for Petitioner. On the same day, an ICE/ERO officer mailed the request for travel documents to the Bosnian Embassy.

8. On August 3, 2026, ICE/ERO St. Paul contacted HQ RIO to obtain a status update from the Bosnian Embassy on the travel-document request. HQ RIO advised that the request remains pending.

9. At the time ICE/ERO St. Paul submitted the request for Petitioner's travel documents, it anticipated that processing would take approximately three weeks. This estimate was based on a prior ICE/ERO St. Paul case involving a return to Bosnia. In that case, ICE/ERO submitted the travel-document package to the Bosnian Embassy on May 26, 2026. In response to the embassy's request, ICE/ERO submitted supplemental information on June 10, 2026, and received the travel documents on June 16, 2026. The previous declaration submitted in this case mistakenly referred to "previous requests." The estimate in that declaration was based on the single prior case described above.

10. On August 6, 2026, ICE/ERO St. Paul contacted HQ RIO to obtain an estimate based on a larger set of cases. HQ RIO advised that, in a typical case, requests for travel documents submitted to the Bosnian Embassy generally take 30 to 90 days to complete.
11. After ICE/ERO receives travel documents, it typically takes two to three weeks to execute removal.
12. Because Petitioner is subject to a final order of removal, and the Government of Bosnia is issuing travel documents to their citizens with final orders of removal, there is a significant likelihood of Petitioner's removal to Bosnia in the reasonably foreseeable future.

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

SETH T PATRIN

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SETH T. PATRIN, Deportation Officer

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DATED: August 10, 2026