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RE: SERVICE OF MOTION TO REOPEN PROCEEDINGS AND RESCIND IN ABSENTIA REMOVAL ORDER
Respondent: Gleidson Silva-Antunes
A-Number: 203-758-084
Type of proceedings: Removal
Immigration Court: Concord, CA

Dear Counsel,

Please find enclosed the Respondent's **Motion to Reopen Proceedings and Rescind in Absentia Removal Order**, filed with the **Immigration Court in Concord, California**.

The enclosed filings includes the following documents:

1. Form EOIR-28 - Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Representative Before the Immigration Court;
2. Form EOIR-33 - Change of Address/Contact Information Form;
3. Motion to Reopen Removal Proceedings Under INA § 240(c)(7);
4. Exhibits - supporting documentation;

This correspondence is provided to you pursuant to the applicable service requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Respondent, Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva (A# 203-758-084), respectfully moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii), 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(b)(5)(C)(ii), and 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4)(ii), to rescind the *in absentia* removal order entered on January 31, 2020, and to reopen these proceedings. This Motion rests on three independent and mutually reinforcing grounds.

First, Respondent never received constitutionally adequate notice of the hearing at which he was ordered removed. The Record of Proceedings obtained through Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") establishes that on June 12, 2019, a Notice to Appear ("NTA") bearing Respondent's name was issued and served exclusively upon Arilson Elias-Antunes. *See* Exhibit 3 (Respondent's Notice to Appear). On or about December 12, 2019, the Court issued a Notice of Hearing rescheduling the matter to January 31, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. *See* Exhibit 3 (Notice of Hearing).

That Notice of Hearing was addressed and mailed exclusively to "Elias-Antunes, Arilson," the adult who had fraudulently presented himself as Respondent's father at the border, under Arilson's lead file number (A088-013-049), at an address where Respondent has never resided. The Court's own mailing of the decision was returned with the notation "Unable to forward, No address provided." *See* Exhibit 3 (Court Notice of Decision, Returned

Undelivered). Respondent never received this Notice of Hearing and accordingly did not appear. Because DHS cannot establish that written notice of the actual hearing date was provided to Respondent as required by INA § 239(a), rescission is mandatory under INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii).

Second, even if this Court were to find notice sufficient, which Respondent expressly denies, reopening is independently warranted based on extraordinary circumstances and the totality of the equities. Respondent was a minor victim of a scheme that deceived him and his family, exploited his minority and his family's vulnerability, and used him as a shield to facilitate an adult's unlawful entry.

That adult, Arilson Elias-Antunes, had a prior federal conviction for passport and visa fraud (December 2006, Miami, Florida), a fact that underscores Respondent's role as a victim rather than a willing participant. *See* Exhibit 4 (Arilson Elias-Antunes' Form I-213). Respondent has since built a stable and law-abiding life in the United States: he has worked continuously in the construction industry, has no criminal history, and is the father of a United States citizen child, Arthur, born August 8, 2024.

Third, Respondent is now married to a United States citizen. On March 21, 2026, Respondent married Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda in San Mateo County, California. *See* Exhibit 2 (Marriage Certificate). Respondent's marriage to his son's mother, following a relationship of over five years, provides a concrete and immediate path to lawful permanent residence through a family-based petition. This consummated change in personal circumstances reinforces the equities favoring reopening. All these grounds compel reopening.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Respondent is a native and citizen of Brazil, born on September 16, 2001, in Buritis, Rondônia. Respondent's true name is Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva; the surname "Silva-Antunes," under which his immigration proceedings were docketed, was imposed on him as part of a scheme orchestrated by third parties that facilitated his crossing into the United States while he was still a minor. Resp't Decl. ¶ 1.

On June 12, 2019, Respondent entered the United States near El Paso, Texas, at seventeen years of age. Resp't Decl. ¶ 31. At the time of entry, Arilson Elias-Antunes, an adult who was a stranger to Respondent before that trip and who is not, in fact, Respondent's father, presented himself to border authorities as Respondent's father and presented fraudulent travel documents on Respondent's behalf. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 26-31; *see* Exhibit 1(Respondent's Birth

Certificate, listing Respondent's true parents and confirming that Arilson Elias-Antunes is not Respondent's father). The Form I-213 prepared by immigration officers upon Respondent's processing expressly states: "All pertinent information needed for child's assigned A-file was provided by the child's parent. All documents were served upon the parent." *See* Exhibit 3 (Respondent's Form I-213).

Respondent himself, a seventeen-year-old who spoke no English, was not individually provided with any immigration documents; they were given to the adult fraudulently registered as his father. At no point during or after processing did any immigration officer communicate with Respondent directly, whether in English or in Portuguese, regarding the proceedings against him, and Respondent received no explanation, in any language, of what was expected of him going forward.

On that same date, June 12, 2019, an NTA bearing Respondent's name was issued at the border, but it was never served on Respondent personally; it was served exclusively upon Arilson. *See* Exhibit 3. The NTA identified the hearing location as the San Francisco Immigration Court, 100 Montgomery Street, Suite 800, San Francisco, California, and initially left the hearing date blank, stating only "a date to be set."

That blank was later crossed out and replaced by hand with the date 'MARCH 25, 2020.' Immigration officers did not provide any oral advisal in Portuguese to Respondent personally. Respondent had no independent knowledge of any hearing date; any general awareness that a court proceeding existed came only from what he was able to observe secondhand through Arilson Elias-Antunes, the adult who had been listed as his father and to whom the NTA and all related communications were directed. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 40-41.

Notably, the signature block on Respondent's own Notice to Appear was not signed by Respondent himself, but rather by Arilson Elias-Antunes. *See* Exhibit 3(Respondent's NTA, signature page). This is further confirmed by comparing the signature appearing on Respondent's NTA with the signature appearing on Arilson Elias-Antunes's own, separate NTA, issued the same day under his own file number: the two signatures are identical. *See* Exhibit 4 (Arilson Elias-Antunes' NTA, signature page).

This demonstrates that, notwithstanding Respondent's own status as the named respondent in these proceedings, service and acknowledgment of the NTA were, in substance, directed to and completed by Arilson Elias-Antunes, not by Respondent, further confirming that Respondent himself was never properly served or notified in a manner that a seventeen-year-old could reasonably understand as directed to him personally.

This same signature block is where the NTA's Certificate of Service purports to certify that oral notice was provided in Portuguese; because that certification was executed by Arilson rather than by Respondent, it cannot establish that any such notice was, in fact, communicated to Respondent himself.

On or about December 12, 2019, the Immigration Court issued a Notice of Hearing rescheduling the case to January 31, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in Courtroom 26. *See* Exhibit 3 (Notice of Hearing). This notice was consolidated under Arilson's lead file (A088-013-049) and addressed exclusively to "Elias-Antunes, Arilson" at 375 Oxford Street, San Francisco, CA 94134. The Certificate of Service indicates service by mail dated December 13, 2019.

Respondent's name and A-number (A203-758-084) appeared only in the "RE:" line, not in the addressee block. Respondent was not independently served with this hearing notice. The court mailing of the decision was likewise returned with the notation "Unable to forward, No address provided," confirming that mail sent to that address did not reach its intended recipients. *See* Exhibit 3.

On January 31, 2020, neither Respondent nor Arilson appeared, and the Immigration Court entered *in absentia* orders of removal against both individuals. *See* Exhibit 3 (In Absentia Removal Order). Respondent was not notified of that order and did not know of its existence. He learned of it only years later, when he retained current counsel. Resp't Decl. ¶ 44. Upon learning of the order and consulting with counsel, Respondent proceeded with reasonable diligence to prepare and file this Motion.

III. TIMING OF THIS MOTION, NO FILING DEADLINE APPLIES

This Motion is timely as a matter of law. A motion to rescind an *in absentia* removal order based on lack of proper notice under INA § 239(a) may be filed at any time, without limitation. INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii), 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(b)(5)(C)(ii); 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4)(ii).

There is no ninety-day filing deadline and no numerical bar applicable to motions premised on lack of notice. *See Matter of Bulnes,* 25 I&N Dec. 57 (BIA 2009) (motion to reopen for lack of notice may be filed even after departure). Accordingly, this Motion is procedurally proper regardless of the time elapsed since entry of the removal order.

To the extent the Court considers the alternative grounds discussed in Argument D below, the Court retains independent sua sponte authority to reopen proceedings at any time in the interest of justice. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1).

IV. FILING FEE, NOT REQUIRED

No filing fee is required for this Motion. Where the basis for a motion to reopen is lack of proper notice in removal proceedings, the applicable regulation expressly waives the filing fee. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.24(b)(2)(v). Because this Motion is grounded first and foremost on Respondent's failure to receive proper notice under INA § 239(a), no fee accompanies this filing.

V. AUTOMATIC STAY OF REMOVAL

The filing of this Motion automatically stays Respondent's removal pending the Court's disposition. INA § 240(b)(5)(C); 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4)(ii). Respondent respectfully requests that ICE be notified of the applicability of this automatic stay provision. *See Matter of Rivera,* 21 I&N Dec. 232, 234 (BIA 1996).

VI. LEGAL STANDARD

An Immigration Judge may enter an *in absentia* removal order only if DHS establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that the written notice required under INA § 239(a)(1) or § 239(a)(2) was provided and that the respondent is removable. INA § 240(b)(5)(A).

An *in absentia* order "shall be rescinded" upon a motion to reopen filed at any time if the respondent demonstrates that he "did not receive notice in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2)" of INA § 239(a). INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii); 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4)(ii). The statute's mandatory language, "shall be rescinded," leaves no room for discretion: once lack of the required notice is established, rescission follows as a matter of law.

The Supreme Court has held that a Notice to Appear that omits the time or place of the hearing is not a valid notice under INA § 239(a). *See Pereira v. Sessions,* 138 S. Ct. 2105, 2113-14 (2018). Where an NTA fails to specify the hearing date, a subsequent notice of hearing must be properly served to supply the missing information; absent proper service of that subsequent notice, the statutory notice requirement is not satisfied. *See also Niz-Chavez v. Garland,* 141 S. Ct. 1474, 1486 (2021).

Separately, the Court possesses authority to reopen proceedings sua sponte at any time in the interest of justice. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1). In addition, proceedings may be reopened based on newly available evidence, including changed personal circumstances bearing on eligibility for relief. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(3). Sua sponte reopening is appropriate where a

respondent demonstrates exceptional circumstances, including equities so compelling that they override the general policy of finality. *See Matter of G-D-,* 22 I&N Dec. 1132, 1133-34 (BIA 1999).

VII. STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

A. Family Background and Circumstances Leading to Respondent's Departure from Brazil

Respondent grew up in a family of modest means in Buritis, Rondônia. Resp't Decl. ¶ 2. His mother raised four children largely on her own, frequently traveling away from home, sometimes for days at a time, to sell spices and condiments she produced, and Respondent, as the eldest son, began working manual jobs at approximately twelve years of age to help support the household. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 5-8. Respondent's mother fell into debt and was pressured and threatened by creditors, a situation that a local court ultimately addressed by ordering repayment in installments, although the harassment continued. Resp't Decl. ¶ 10.

It was in this context of poverty, debt, and fear that a man known to Respondent's uncle targeted the family with a scheme of false promises. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 11-14. Respondent's mother initially refused, stating that Respondent was too young, but the man returned repeatedly, insisted, and pressured her through Respondent's own uncle, and falsely represented that the trip would be organized and safe and that Respondent would have support upon arrival. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 13-14. Respondent's mother, worn down by the family's financial desperation and the man's persistence, ultimately agreed. Resp't Decl. ¶ 16. Respondent, then a seventeen-year-old minor, had no independent say in the matter: the decision to send him to the United States was made for him, by adults, under the weight of circumstances he had neither created nor controlled. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 16-17.

B. Respondent Was a Minor Used to Facilitate an Adult's Unlawful Entry Through Fraudulent Documents He Neither Created Nor Controlled

The individual who organized Respondent's trip assumed full control over Respondent's travel documents. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 20-21. Days before departure, he brought Respondent a document bearing Respondent's photograph but a different surname, "Antunes" rather than Respondent's true surname "Rodrigues," and asked Respondent to sign it. Resp't Decl. ¶ 21. Respondent, seventeen years old, with no education about legal documents or immigration processes and never having seen a passport before, signed it without understanding that it was fraudulent. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 21-22.

Respondent traveled to Goiânia, where he met Arilson Elias-Antunes for the first time, a complete stranger who would present himself as Respondent's father for the remainder of the journey. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 26-27. From that point forward, Arilson held all of Respondent's travel documents; Respondent never had access to his own passport. Resp't Decl. ¶ 28. At every checkpoint, it was Arilson who presented documents and answered questions, affirmatively representing that Respondent was his son, while Respondent remained silent. Resp't Decl. ¶ 29.

Respondent entered the United States on June 12, 2019, still seventeen years old. Resp't Decl. ¶ 31. Immigration officers processed Respondent and Arilson together. The I-213 prepared for Respondent confirms that "[a]ll pertinent information needed for child's assigned A-file was provided by the child's parent" and that "[a]ll documents were served upon the parent." *See* Exhibit 3 (Respondent's Form I-213).

Although an NTA bearing Respondent's name was issued at the time of his entry, that document was never served on Respondent personally; it was served exclusively upon Arilson. The NTA initially left the hearing date blank, stating only "a date to be set," a blank later completed by hand with a date that was itself subsequently superseded by the Court's own Notice of Hearing. Whatever advisals accompanied the NTA were directed to a seventeen-year-old who spoke no English, in the presence of and under the control of a man he had met only days earlier. The address listed on the NTA, 375 Oxford Street, San Francisco, CA 94134, was not Respondent's address; it was the address of João Carlos Perreira, listed on the I-213 as the point of contact for Arilson. Respondent had no connection to that address and never resided there.

C. Arilson Elias-Antunes Was a Repeat Immigration Offender Who Exploited Respondent's Minority

The Record of Proceedings reveals that Arilson Elias-Antunes was not a first-time border crosser. His Form I-213 records the following prior immigration history: on December 27, 2006, Arilson was encountered at the Port of Miami as an inadmissible alien; on December 28, 2006, he was arrested by ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations in Miami for passport and visa fraud; and on January 29, 2007, he was sentenced to time served with one year of supervised release. *See* Exhibit 4 (Arilson Elias-Antunes' Form I-213).

Arilson's prior federal conviction for document fraud is directly relevant to the circumstances of Respondent's entry: the adult who orchestrated the use of a fraudulent passport and the false parent-child relationship at the border was an individual with a documented history of precisely this type of criminal conduct. Respondent, by contrast, was a

seventeen-year-old with no prior contact with the immigration system, no knowledge that his documents were fraudulent, and no agency in the scheme.

D. Respondent Was Abandoned Immediately After Entry, Without Knowledge of Any Hearing Date

Throughout the entirety of this episode, from the moment he left Brazil until the moment he was abandoned, Respondent had no independent agency and no real ability to object, question, or deviate from what the adults around him directed. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 27, 29-30. He traveled surrounded by adults who gave him instructions, held his documents, and spoke on his behalf, while he himself remained silent out of fear of the consequences of doing otherwise. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 27, 29.

Respondent did not correct the authorities when Arilson falsely claimed to be his father not because he agreed with the arrangement, but because, as a seventeen-year-old entirely dependent on adults he could not contradict, he feared being left behind in an unfamiliar place or punished for interfering with arrangements that adults had already made for him. Resp't Decl. ¶ 30. This same powerlessness and fear persisted after entry into the United States and directly shaped Respondent's failure to appear at his hearing, as set forth below.

Immediately after release, Arilson returned Respondent's identity documents and told him, in substance, that he would not accompany Respondent any further, that the pending court matter was of no concern to him, and that he was not really Respondent's father. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 33-34. Arilson then left. Respondent, seventeen years old, spoke no English, had no money, knew no one in the United States, and had documents he was only beginning to understand were not what he had believed them to be. Resp't Decl. ¶ 35.

Although a Notice to Appear was issued at the time of Respondent's entry, that document was never placed in Respondent's own hands. It was given to Arilson, who retained it along with all of Respondent's other travel documents, and Respondent kept no copy of his own. Respondent did not see the NTA himself until years later, when his current attorney obtained it through a FOIA request. At the time it was issued, Respondent, a seventeen-year-old who had just arrived in an unfamiliar country, did not understand what the document was or what it required of him, and the one person who held it and might have explained its significance had just abandoned him.

Respondent and a companion who had traveled under similar circumstances were eventually taken in by an acquaintance living in the United States, who told them that their

situation was very serious and that they needed to be careful going forward. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 36-38. Until that moment, Respondent had believed the entire process was a legitimate part of traveling to the United States; he did not know his passport had been altered, and he did not understand what it meant to have signed a document with another name or to have presented himself as the son of a stranger. Resp't Decl. ¶ 38.

Respondent did not appear at his removal hearing because he did not know a hearing had been scheduled for January 31, 2020. The Notice of Hearing that subsequently set the January 31 date was mailed exclusively to Arilson at 375 Oxford Street, an address where Respondent has never lived, and that mailing was returned to the Court as undeliverable. Resp't Decl. ¶ 40; Exhibit 3 (Notice of Hearing); Exhibit 3 (Court Notice of Decision, Returned Undelivered).

Respondent also understood, based on the experience of another minor who had traveled under similar arrangements, that he was expected to appear accompanied by the adult listed as his parent; once Arilson disappeared, Respondent believed he had no way to attend on his own. Resp't Decl. ¶ 41. Members of the Brazilian community later told Respondent, incorrectly but in a manner that had a real and paralyzing effect, that appearing in court would result in his arrest and deportation because of the fraudulent documents, and that fear kept him from seeking legal help for years. Resp't Decl. ¶ 43.

On January 31, 2020, the Immigration Court entered an *in absentia* removal order against Respondent under the name Gleidson Silva-Antunes. *See* Exhibit 3. Respondent was not notified of that order and had no actual knowledge of it. He learned of its existence only years later, when he retained current counsel. Resp't Decl. ¶ 44.

E. Elements of Deception and Exploitation of Respondent's Minority

Respondent's account reflects a pattern in which adults exploited his status as a minor and his family's financial vulnerability to facilitate an unlawful border crossing. Respondent and his mother were deceived as to the true nature of the arrangement: they were told the trip would be organized safely and that Respondent would be supported upon arrival, and were never told that fraudulent documents would be used or that Respondent would be presented as the son of a stranger. Resp't Decl. ¶ 46.

None of the promises made to induce Respondent's mother to allow him to travel were kept; Respondent was instead abandoned with no money, no language skills, and no support. Resp't Decl. ¶ 46. The decision to send Respondent did not originate with him or his mother; it

followed repeated pressure directed at a family already burdened by debt and threats from creditors. Resp't Decl. ¶ 47. Respondent's youth was, on this record, the very feature that made the scheme workable: the presence of a minor accompanied by an adult registered as his father was intended to, and did, reduce scrutiny at the border. Resp't Decl. ¶ 48.

Respondent states plainly that he did not intend to defraud the United States immigration system and did not know his documents were forged. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 51, 64. Respondent had no part in, and was not responsible for, the false name under which his case is docketed, nor for the designation of the man who was falsely registered as his father, and had no control over his travel documents at any point. Resp't Decl. ¶ 51. He asks that this Court evaluate his case in light of these actual circumstances, rather than the fraudulent record created by others' conduct. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 64-65.

F. Respondent's Life in the United States, Equities, and Family Ties

Since arriving in the United States, Respondent has worked continuously, currently in hardwood flooring installation within the construction industry. Resp't Decl. ¶ 55. Respondent reports no criminal history. The fraudulent name under which he was forced to live prevented him from enrolling in school to complete his education and, for years, from seeking any legal assistance for fear of arrest and deportation, a fear grounded in what he was told by others in the community rather than in fact. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 53-54.

Respondent is married to Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda, a United States citizen whom he met after arriving in the United States. They began dating in August 2021; the couple later lived together with Sophia's parents in Daly City, California.

On August 8, 2024, their son Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues, a United States citizen, was born at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Redwood City, San Mateo County. *See* Exhibit 2 (Birth Certificate of Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues). Resp't Decl. ¶ 57. Respondent describes his son as his central motivation to build a stable and lawful future and to be present in a way his own father was not. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 60-61. On June 17, 2025, Respondent proposed to Sophia, and on March 21, 2026, the couple married in San Mateo County, California. *See* Exhibit 2 (Respondent's Marriage Certificate).

The couple currently resides with Sophia's parents while they work toward establishing their own household. Respondent's marriage to a United States citizen now provides a concrete and immediate path to lawful permanent residence through a family-based petition, discussed

further in Section VIII.D.3 below. Respondent's removal from the United States would foreclose that path to lawful status and would separate him from his wife and son.

VIII. ARGUMENT

A. Respondent Did Not Receive Notice of the Hearing at Which He Was Ordered Removed, Because the Subsequent Hearing Notice Containing the Actual Hearing Date Was Mailed Exclusively to an Unrelated Adult at an Address Where Respondent Never Resided, and Was Returned Undelivered

The INA requires that notice of a removal hearing be provided to the respondent in person or by mail. INA § 239(a)(1)-(2); 8 C.F.R. § 1003.18(b). The Supreme Court has held that a Notice to Appear that fails to specify the time and place of the hearing is not a valid notice under INA § 239(a)(1). *See Pereira v. Sessions,* 138 S. Ct. 2105, 2113-14 (2018). Where an NTA omits the hearing date, DHS bears the burden of establishing that a subsequent notice supplying that information was properly served on the respondent. *See Niz-Chavez v. Garland,* 141 S. Ct. 1474, 1486 (2021).

The Record of Proceedings in this case establishes a chain of events that renders any claim of adequate notice untenable. On June 12, 2019, an NTA bearing Respondent's name was issued at the border. However, that document was never placed in Respondent's own hands; it was served exclusively upon Arilson Elias-Antunes, the adult who had been fraudulently listed as Respondent's father, and Respondent himself received no copy. *See* Exhibit 3 (Respondent's Notice to Appear).

On December 12, 2019, the Immigration Court issued a Notice of Hearing rescheduling the matter to January 31, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., before the San Francisco Immigration Court. *See* Exhibit 3 (Notice of Hearing). This was the date that ultimately governed the proceedings and the date on which Respondent was in fact ordered removed in absentia. It was therefore critical that this notice reach Respondent personally. It did not. The Certificate of Service on the Notice of Hearing establishes that it was served by mail dated December 13, 2019, addressed exclusively to "Elias-Antunes, Arilson" at 375 Oxford Street, San Francisco, CA 94134. Respondent's name and A-number appeared only in a "RE:" line on the notice; the mailing was not addressed to Respondent, was not sent to any address associated with Respondent, and was consolidated under Arilson's lead file number (A088-013-049) rather than treated as an independent case requiring independent service.

Since Arilson Elias-Antunes was not, in fact, Respondent's father, and had no legal relationship to or authority over Respondent whatsoever, service of the Notice of Hearing upon him does not constitute adequate notice to Respondent and does not satisfy the requirements of 8 USC §1229(a).

The address to which the Notice of Hearing was mailed, 375 Oxford Street, San Francisco, CA 94134, was not Respondent's address. It was the address of João Carlos Perreira, identified in the I-213 as the point of contact for Arilson, not for Respondent. Respondent has never resided at that address, has no connection to it, and would not have received mail sent there. Resp't Decl. ¶ 40. Moreover, even as to Arilson, the mailing failed: the court's cover sheet bears the notation "Unable to forward, No address provided," indicating that the Notice of Hearing was returned to the Court undelivered. *See* Exhibit 3 (Court Notice of Decision, Returned Undelivered). The notice reached neither its intended recipient nor Respondent.

The BIA has recognized that the presumption of delivery attaching to mailed notice is not absolute and may be rebutted by a respondent's credible declaration together with corroborating circumstances. *Matter of M-R-A-,* 24 I&N Dec. 665, 673-74 (BIA 2008). Here, the rebuttal does not rest on Respondent's credibility alone. The documentary record itself, obtained through FOIA, affirmatively establishes that the Notice of Hearing was never addressed to Respondent, was sent to an address where he did not live, and was physically returned to the Court as undeliverable. This is not a case of a missing signature or an ambiguous mail log; it is a case in which DHS's own records demonstrate that notice of the hearing date never reached the respondent.

Furthermore, the I-213 itself confirms that Respondent was treated not as an independent respondent but as a dependent of Arilson: "All pertinent information needed for child's assigned A-file was provided by the child's parent. All documents were served upon the parent." *See* Exhibit 3 (Respondent's Form I-213). DHS's own documentation thus acknowledges that Respondent personally was never served with documents; they were given to the "parent," who was in fact a stranger with a criminal history of immigration fraud, who abandoned Respondent within hours of release and had no further contact with him. Respondent had every reason to appear and contest removal, and did not fail to appear out of indifference but because he never knew the hearing had been scheduled for January 31, 2020. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 40-43.

Because DHS cannot establish that written notice of the actual hearing date was provided to Respondent as required by INA § 239(a), rescission is mandatory. INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii).

B. DHS Cannot Rely on Any Purported Failure by Respondent to Appear or Update His Address, Because Respondent, Then a Minor, Was Never Effectively Informed of Any Such Obligation

To the extent the Department contends that Respondent bears responsibility for failing to appear or to maintain a current address with the Court, that argument fails. The obligation to appear and to keep an address current with the Court is meaningful only where a respondent has first received notice sufficient to inform him of the proceedings and of that obligation. *See Matter of G-Y-R-,* 23 I&N Dec. 181, 186-90 (BIA 2001) (the government may not rely on a respondent's failure to comply with address-related obligations where the respondent did not receive the notice that was supposed to advise him of that requirement).

While the NTA may have contained written advisals regarding address obligations, that document was never properly served on Respondent himself; it was delivered to Arilson, an adult with no legal relationship to or authority over Respondent, in a setting controlled entirely by him. Respondent, a seventeen-year-old who spoke no English, had no copy of the NTA and no independent access to whatever advisals it contained. Respondent could not meaningfully comply with an obligation to keep an address current with a court for proceedings of which he was never properly notified, under a name that was not his own, at an address he had never lived at and that was selected by others.

The I-213's own statement that "[a]ll documents were served upon the parent" confirms that immigration officers themselves treated Arilson, not Respondent, as the responsible party for all notice and compliance purposes. Respondent cannot be charged with failing to satisfy an obligation that, as a practical matter, was never meaningfully communicated to him. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 32, 40, 42.

C. The Due Process Clause Independently Requires Rescission

Although the statutory notice defect is sufficient on its own to require rescission, the circumstances here also reflect a violation of Respondent's constitutional due process rights. The Fifth Amendment guarantees that no person shall be deprived of liberty without due process of law, and removal is a severe sanction implicating substantial liberty interests. *See Mathews v. Eldridge,* 424 U.S. 319, 335 (1976). Due process requires notice "reasonably

calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections." *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co.,* 339 U.S. 306, 314 (1950).

Here, the only notice containing the actual hearing date was mailed to a third party at an address unconnected to Respondent, and was returned to the Court undelivered. DHS's own records confirm that Respondent, a seventeen-year-old, unrepresented minor who spoke no English, was treated as a dependent of an adult who turned out to be a convicted immigration fraudster, and that all documents were served upon that adult rather than upon Respondent individually.

Under these circumstances, no process reasonably calculated to reach Respondent was ever employed. Ordering a deceived and abandoned minor removed *in absentia,* based on a hearing notice that was mailed exclusively to his fraudulent "father" and returned as undeliverable, offends the constitutional requirement of meaningful process. The Court need not reach this constitutional ground if it grants rescission on statutory grounds, but the due process violation underscores why rescission is compelled.

D. Service of the NTA Was Independently Defective Because It Was Never Directed to a Responsible Adult or Custodian, as Required for Service on a Minor

Service of notice upon a minor is governed by regulations requiring that such notice be directed to a responsible adult standing in a custodial relationship to the minor. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.8.

This requirement exists precisely because a child, by definition, cannot be relied upon to understand, retain, or act upon legal process addressed to him; the regulation therefore conditions valid service on delivery to an adult capable of receiving and acting upon that notice on the minor's behalf. Here, that requirement was not met.

The NTA and all subsequent notices were not directed to Respondent's mother, to any legal guardian, or to any adult with a genuine custodial relationship to Respondent. They were directed to Arilson Elias-Antunes, an individual who, as established above, was a stranger to

Respondent before their trip, falsely claimed to be his father, had no legal relationship to or authority over him whatsoever, and who, far from being a responsible custodian, had his own documented history of immigration fraud.

Service upon such an individual cannot satisfy a regulatory scheme designed to ensure that notice intended for a minor actually reaches someone capable of safeguarding the minor's interests.

Because the NTA and the Notice of Hearing were routed exclusively through a fraudulent, unrelated, and exploitative adult rather than a genuine custodian, Respondent, then a minor, never received statutory notice at all, independent of the separate *Pereira/Niz-Chavez* defect discussed above.

E. In the Alternative, Extraordinary Circumstances Independently Warrant Reopening: Respondent Was a Minor Exploited to Facilitate Another's Unlawful Entry and Has Since Developed Substantial, Well-Documented Equities

Even if this Court were to conclude that statutory rescission for lack of notice is unavailable, which Respondent expressly denies, reopening is separately warranted based on the totality of the circumstances and the equities at stake. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1); INA § 240(c)(7). Reopening is permitted where circumstances have arisen subsequent to the prior proceeding bearing on Respondent's eligibility for relief. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(3).

E.1. Respondent's Entry Was Procured Through the Deception and Exploitation of a Minor by an Adult with a Documented History of Immigration Fraud

The circumstances of Respondent's entry reflect the deception and exploitation of a child. Respondent, then seventeen, did not choose to leave Brazil; the plan originated with an adult who repeatedly pressured Respondent's mother, exploiting the family's financial desperation and debt. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 13-17, 47. Respondent was never told that the documents used to bring him into the United States were fraudulent or that he would be presented as the son of a stranger; he was told only that everything would be handled safely and that he would be supported upon arrival. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 14, 45-46.

None of those assurances were honored: Respondent was abandoned alone, without money, without English, and without anyone to turn to. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 33-36. His minority itself was the tool that made the scheme workable, since an adult accompanied by a child registered as his son drew less scrutiny than an adult traveling alone. Resp't Decl. ¶ 48.

The Record of Proceedings now confirms that the adult at the center of this scheme, Arilson Elias-Antunes, had a prior federal conviction for passport and visa fraud (December 2006, Miami, Florida). *See* Exhibit 4 (Arilson Elias-Antunes' Form I-213). This is not a case of two individuals making a mutual decision to cross the border together with false documents. It

is a case of a minor being recruited, deceived, and used by an adult with a documented history of exactly this type of criminal conduct. The Court should weigh this disparity in evaluating the extraordinary circumstances that led to Respondent's entry and to his failure to appear.

E.2. Respondent Has Since Developed Substantial Equities Warranting Reopening

Since his entry as a minor in 2019, Respondent has built a stable, law-abiding life. He has worked continuously in the construction industry, currently installing hardwood flooring, and reports no criminal history. Respondent is the father of a United States citizen child, Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues, born August 8, 2024, and is now married to Arthur's mother, Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda, a United States citizen. *See* Exhibit 2 (Birth Certificate of Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues); Exhibit 2 (Respondent's Marriage Certificate). Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 55-63.

Respondent has now resided continuously in the United States for more than seven years, the entirety of his adult life. He arrived as a seventeen-year-old minor in June 2019 and has remained in the country without interruption since that date, never departing and never residing anywhere else. This is not a case of a recent arrival with tenuous or newly formed ties; it is the case of a young man who has spent his entire transition from adolescence to adulthood in the United States, building the only stable life, family, and livelihood he has ever known here. The length and continuity of that residence, standing alongside his employment history, his marriage, and his fatherhood of a United States citizen child, weigh heavily in favor of reopening.

The removal order presently on record was entered under a name that was never Respondent's own, arising from a scheme in which Respondent was the instrument, not the architect. Allowing that order to stand, without any opportunity for Respondent to be heard, would permanently separate a United States citizen spouse and a United States citizen child from Respondent based on proceedings of which Respondent had no knowledge and no opportunity to participate.

E.3. Respondent's Marriage to a United States Citizen Provides a Concrete, Immediate Path to Lawful Status

Respondent's equities are further, and independently, strengthened by his marriage to a United States citizen. On March 21, 2026, Respondent married Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda in San Mateo County, California, following a relationship that began in 2020 and that has included cohabitation, the birth of their son Arthur in 2024, and a public engagement in June 2025. *See* Exhibit 2 (Respondent's Marriage Certificate). This is not a marriage of

convenience entered in response to these proceedings; it is the culmination of a five-year relationship that predates, and is independent of, this Motion.

Respondent's marriage to a United States citizen spouse provides an immediate basis for a family-based immigrant visa petition (Form I-130) on his behalf, which counsel intends to file. Once approved, that petition would establish Respondent's prima facie eligibility to seek adjustment of status or other appropriate relief in reopened proceedings. As the spouse of a U.S. citizen, Respondent qualifies as an immediate relative under INA § 201(b)(2)(A)(i), a classification with no annual numerical limitation and immediate visa availability. *See* INA § 201(b); 8 U.S.C. § 1151(b).

This creates a pathway to adjustment of status under INA § 245 that was not available at the time of the original proceedings. Where a respondent develops new eligibility for relief subsequent to a hearing, reopening is warranted. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(3); *see also* INA § 240(c)(7)(C)(i). Absent rescission of the *in absentia* order, Respondent is barred from discretionary relief for ten years pursuant to INA § 240(b)(7), which would foreclose pursuit of this relief pathway. Reopening is necessary to allow Respondent to pursue this newly available form of relief.

F. In the Alternative, the Court Should Exercise Its Sua Sponte Authority to Reopen These Proceedings

An Immigration Judge may reopen proceedings sua sponte at any time in the interest of justice. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1). This authority is reserved for truly exceptional situations and is not meant to reward equities accrued through a respondent's knowing, continued violation of a final removal order. *See Matter of Amit Yadav*, 29 I&N Dec. 438, 439 (BIA 2026); *Matter of G-D-,* 22 I&N Dec. 1132, 1133–34 (BIA 1999); *Matter of H-Y-Z-*, 28 I&N Dec. 156, 161 (BIA 2020).

Respondent's circumstances are fundamentally unlike those in which the Board has declined to exercise this authority. In *Matter of Amit Yadav*, the respondent had litigated his case through a final adverse decision, known to him, at every level, an Immigration Judge's denial of relief, dismissal of his appeal by the Board, and denial of his petition for review by the First Circuit, and then remained in the United States for years with full knowledge that a final order of removal stood against him before marrying his United States citizen spouse and waiting more than a decade to seek reopening. 29 I&N Dec. at 439–40.

The Board held that equities built under those circumstances reward a "continuing violation of United States law" and are fundamentally unfair to those who comply with the immigration laws. Id. at 439 (quoting *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 436 (2009)).

Respondent did not knowingly remain in the United States in defiance of a known order. He did not litigate and lose his case; he never appeared, never knew a hearing had been scheduled, and did not learn that an in absentia order existed until years later, when his current attorneys informed him. Resp't Decl. ¶ 44. There is no "continuing violation" to reward, because Respondent was never aware that any violation was occurring. The equities at the center of this Motion, his entry as a deceived and exploited minor, the complete absence of notice, and the documented criminal history of the adult who used him, arose from the circumstances of his entry itself and from the government's own defective service, not from a conscious decision to disregard a known legal obligation.

The totality of circumstances here presents precisely the kind of truly exceptional situation *Yadav* itself leaves room for: a respondent whose failure to appear and whose subsequent years in the United States are explained not by knowing defiance of a final order, but by the fact that he never knew one had been entered. Respondent entered the United States at seventeen years of age, deceived and used by a convicted immigration fraudster to facilitate that adult's unlawful entry. An NTA bearing his name was issued but never served on him personally, placed instead exclusively in the hands of the fraudulent "father," and the subsequent Notice of Hearing supplying the actual date was likewise mailed exclusively to that same individual and returned to the Court as undeliverable.

He had no legal representation, no English proficiency, and no meaningful understanding of the proceedings against him. He has resided in the United States continuously since 2019, has no criminal history, is the father of a United States citizen child, and is married to a United States citizen spouse with a concrete path to lawful permanent residence through a family-based petition. Resp't Decl. ¶¶ 31-44, 58-62; Exhibit 2.

The equities here do not reward a continuing violation; they reflect the life Respondent built without ever knowing that his immigration status remained unresolved. Allowing the in absentia order to stand would result in the removal of a young man who was brought here as a child through deception, who has built a law-abiding life in the mistaken but entirely reasonable belief that no adjudication was pending against him, and who now has a United States citizen wife and child. Sua sponte reopening is warranted as an independent and

alternative basis for relief, to the extent the Court does not grant rescission on the statutory and constitutional grounds set forth above.

IX. RESPONDENT'S GOOD FAITH AND EQUITIES FAVOR REOPENING

As an initial matter, Respondent's request for relief does not depend on this Court's discretionary sua sponte authority or on the equities Respondent has since developed. Rescission here is compelled as a matter of law under INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii) because Respondent never received notice in accordance with INA § 239(a), for the independent and sufficient reasons set forth in Sections VIII.A through VIII.D above. The equities discussed below corroborate the fundamental unfairness of allowing the in absentia order to stand; they are not, and need not be, the operative basis for relief.

To the extent the Board of Immigration Appeals' recent decision in *Matter of Amit Yadav*, 29 I&N Dec. 438 (BIA 2026), is relevant to any alternative *sua sponte* argument, it is readily distinguishable. In Yadav, the respondent had actually litigated his case to a final, known adverse judgment: the Immigration Judge denied his applications for relief in 2013, the Board dismissed his appeal in 2014, and the First Circuit denied his petition for review in 2015. He then remained in the United States for years with full knowledge that a final removal order stood against him, married his United States citizen wife only in 2017, and did not seek reopening until more than a decade after the Board's decision. *Id.* at 439–40.

The Board held that equities "acquired while remaining illegally in the United States after being ordered removed" do not establish the "truly exceptional situation" required for *sua sponte* relief, reasoning that such equities reward a "continuing violation of United States law" by a respondent who knowingly disregarded a final order. *Id.* at 439 (quoting *Matter of H-Y-Z-*, 28 I&N Dec. 156, 161 (BIA 2020), and *Nken v. Holder,* 556 U.S. 418, 436 (2009)).

Respondent's case presents the inverse situation. Respondent did not litigate his case, did not knowingly disregard a final order, and did not learn of the in absentia order's existence until years after it was entered, when his current attorneys informed him. Resp't Decl. ¶ 44. The premise underlying *Yadav*, that a respondent who builds a life in the United States while consciously defying a known order of removal is "jumping in front of" those who comply with the law, *see Yadav,* 29 I&N Dec. at 439 (quoting *Noem v. Vasquez Perdomo*, 146 S. Ct. 1, 5 (2025) (Kavanaugh, J., concurring)), has no application to a respondent who was never aware that any order existed at all. Respondent could not have "remained illegally" in knowing violation of an order he did not know had been entered; he was, instead, a deceived and

abandoned minor who reasonably believed no final adjudication had occurred, precisely because the only notice that could have informed him otherwise was never served on him.

Moreover, unlike the marriage in *Yadav*, which arose years after a final order the respondent had personally litigated and lost, the core equities at issue here, Respondent's minority, his deception and exploitation by adults including one with a documented history of immigration fraud, and his complete lack of notice, are not equities "acquired" during a period of knowing noncompliance.

They arise from and predate the very entry that gave rise to these proceedings, and they inform why Respondent never had a fair opportunity to contest removal in the first instance. Respondent's subsequent marriage and fatherhood are offered not as a substitute for that missing opportunity, but as confirmation that the in absentia order, entered without his knowledge under a name imposed on him as a minor, does not reflect the reality of who he is or what he is entitled to seek in proceedings where he is finally heard.

Respondent has consistently demonstrated good faith. He did not devise the scheme that brought him unlawfully into the United States as a minor; he was its instrument. He did not knowingly fail to appear at a hearing; he never knew the hearing date. Upon learning, years later and through counsel, that an in absentia order had been entered against him, Respondent acted with reasonable diligence in retaining counsel and pursuing this Motion. Resp't Decl. ¶ 44.

He has lived in the United States continuously since 2019, has no criminal history, and has established meaningful ties, including steady employment, marriage to a United States citizen, and a United States citizen child. These equities reinforce, but do not substitute for, the statutory and constitutional grounds requiring rescission set forth above.

X. CONCLUSION

The Record of Proceedings in this case, obtained through FOIA, affirmatively establishes that Respondent never received notice of the hearing at which he was ordered removed *in absentia.* "The Notice to Appear issued at the border was never placed in Respondent's hands; it was served exclusively on Arilson. The Notice of Hearing that supplied the January 31, 2020 date, was mailed exclusively to Arilson Elias-Antunes, a convicted immigration fraudster who had fraudulently posed as Respondent's father, at an address where Respondent never resided, and was returned to the Court as undeliverable. The I-213 itself confirms that "[a]ll documents were served upon the parent," not upon Respondent.

Rescission is mandatory under INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii) and *Matter of M-R-A-*. Independently, reopening is warranted in light of the extraordinary circumstances of Respondent's entry as a deceived and exploited minor and the substantial equities he has since developed, including fatherhood to a United States citizen child, marriage to a United States citizen spouse, and a concrete path toward lawful status.

XI. RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

1. Rescind the *in absentia* removal order entered on January 31, 2020;

2. Reopen these proceedings pursuant to INA § 240(b)(5)(C)(ii) and 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(4)(ii), or, in the alternative, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.23(b)(1);

3. Re-calendar Respondent's case before the Immigration Court under Respondent's true legal name, Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva; and

4. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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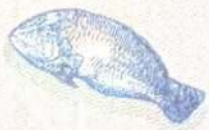
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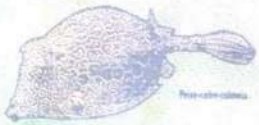


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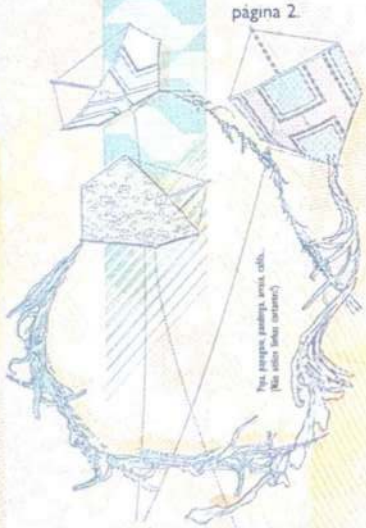
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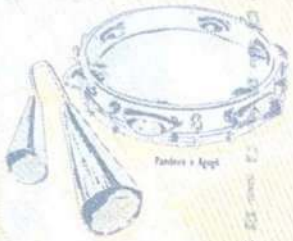


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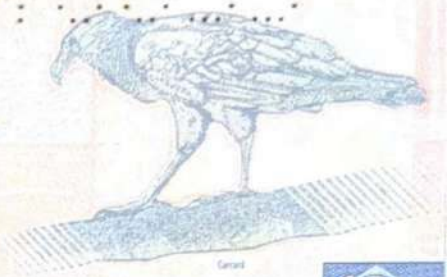
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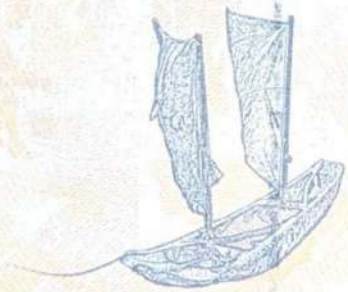
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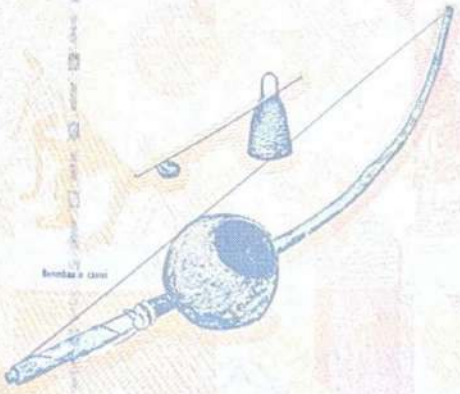
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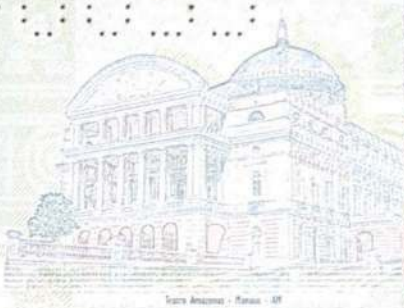
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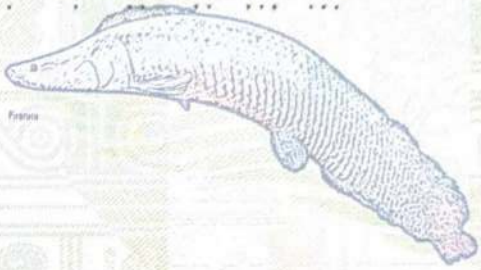


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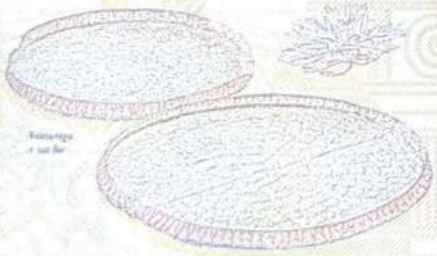


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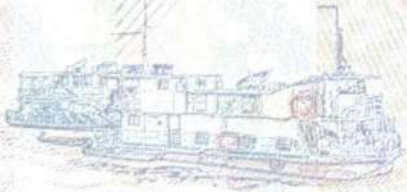
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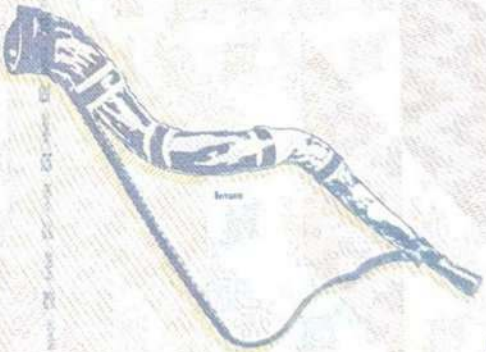
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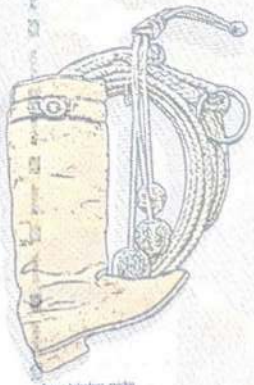
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Gralha-azul

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En cas d'accident, conctacter l'Ambassade ou le Consulat du Brésil le plus proche ainsi que la personne indiquée ci-dessous:

In case of accident, notify the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate and the individual named below:

En caso de accidente, contactar con la Embajada o el Consulado de Brasil más próximo y la persona indicada abajo:

Nome / *Name*

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Estado / *State*

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Pais / *Country*

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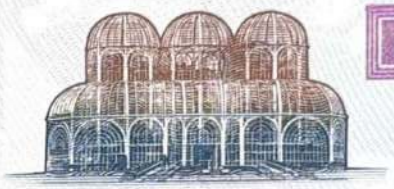
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BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Name

GLEIDSON RODRIGUES DA SILVA

CPF: 055.956.922-00 **

REGISTRATION

096263 01 55 2002 1 00006 080 0001580 25

Date of birth in full	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
September sixteenth, two thousand one **	16	09	2001

Time of birth	City of origin
6:08 PM	MONTE NEGRO-RO **

City of registration and federation unit	Place, City of Birth and State	Sex
Buritis-RO **	IRMÃ DULCE MIXED UNIT, Avenida Francisco Prestes, no number, MONTE NEGRO – RO **	Male

Filiation
ADALTO PEREIRA DA SILVA and **MARILEIDE FONTES SILVA**, born in Ouro Preto D'Oeste, State of Rondônia, residing and domiciled at Santa Luzia D'Oeste Street, no number, Sector 04, in this city **

Grandparents
JOSÉ FRANCISCO PEREIRA DA SILVA, ESMERALDA PEREIRA DA SILVA, IRES PEREIRA DA SILVA AND MARIA DE JESUS FONTES SILVA **

Twin	Name and registration number of twin(s)
No	---------- **

Date of registration in full	DNV/Live birth registration number
September thirtieth, two thousand one **	10563297

ANNOTATIONS/NOTES TO BE ADDED
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Registration notes
No record. **

Office Name
Civil Registry Service of Natural Persons and Notary Public

Registrar
Guilherme José de Almeida

City/State
Municipality and Judicial District of Buritis – State of Rondônia

Address
Rua Theobroma, 1361, Sector 02
ZIP Code 76.880-000- Phone: (69)3238-2615
Email: civilenotas_buritis @ujro.jus.br

The content of this certificate is true. I certify.

Buritis-RO, June 21, 2024.

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Aislan Rodrigues de Souza
Deputy Registrar

04.693.557/0001-06
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_____ Date: June 02, 2025.

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CERTIDÃO DE NASCIMENTO

Nome

GLEIDSON RODRIGUES DA SILVA

CPF: 055.956.922-00 ••

Matrícula
096263 01 55 2002 1 00006 080 0001580 25

Data do nascimento por extenso
Dezesseis de setembro de dois mil e um ••

Dia	Mês	Ano
16	09	2001

Hora
18h 08min

Naturalidade
MONTE NEGRO-RO ••

Município de registro e unidade de federação
Buritis-RO ••

Local, Município de Nascimento e UF
UNIDADE MISTA IRMÃ DULCE, Avenida Francisco Prestes, s/nº, MONTE NEGRO-RO ••

Sexo
Masculino

Filiação
ADALTO PEREIRA DA SILVA e **MARILEIDE FONTES SILVA**, naturais de Ouro Preto D'Oeste-Estado de Rondônia, residentes e domiciliados na Rua Santa Luzia D'Oeste, s/nº, Setor 04, nesta cidade ••

Avós
JOSÉ FRANCISCO PEREIRA DA SILVA, ESMERALDA PEREIRA DA SILVA, IRES PEREIRA DA SILVA E MARIA DE JESUS FONTES SILVA ••

Gêmeo
Não

Nome e Matrícula do(s) gêmeo(s)
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Data do registro por extenso
Trinta de setembro de dois mil e dois ••

Número da D.N.V
10563297

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Anotações de cadastro
Nada consta. ••

Nome do Ofício
Serviço de Registro Civil das Pessoas Naturais e Tabelionato de Notas

Oficial Registrador
Guilherme José de Almeida

Município e Comarca / UF
Município e Comarca de Buritis - Estado de Rondônia

Endereço
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e-mail: civilenotas_buritis@tjro.jus.br

O conteúdo da certidão é verdadeiro. Dou fé.

Buritis-RO, 21 de junho de 2024.

Aislan Rodrigues de Souza
Oficial Substituto

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FEDERAL LIMITS APPLY



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CLASS C

EXP 09/16/2029

END NONE

LN SILVA ANTUNES

FN GLEIDSON

670 GELLERT BLVD

DALY CITY, CA 94015

DOB 09/16/2001

RSTR NONE



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SEX M HAIR BLK EYES BRN

HGT 5'-06" WGT 176 lb ISS

DD 10/04/202459307/AAFD/29 10/04/2024

CMC BRASIL
BRAZIL

CARTEIRA DE MATRICULA CONSULAR ID CARD

41500093622

Expires 03/10/2025
Issued 03/10/2020



GLEIDSON SILVA ANTUNES
21 36 TH AVENUE APT 138
SAN MATEO, CA 94403

Citizenship BRAZILIAN

Date of Birth	*Sex*	*Hgt*
09/16/2001	M	5'3"

Place of Birth	*Country*
ARINOS, MG	BRAZIL



gleidson silva antunes

Exhibit 2:
Respondent's Family

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

STATE FILE NUMBER | MUST BE LEGIBLE – MAKE NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS. USE DARK INK ONLY | LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER: 4-2026-41-000449

FIRST PERSON DATA (☐ Groom ■ Bride)

1A. FIRST NAME	1B. MIDDLE
SOPHIA	–

1C. CURRENT LAST	1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)
LEHNEN RODRIGUES MIRANDA	–

2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	4. #PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY:	5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
12/20/1999	BRAZIL	0	☐ DEATH ☐ DISSO ☐ ANNULMENT ☐ TERM SRDP ■ N/A	--/--/----

6. ADDRESS	7. CITY	8. STATE/COUNTRY	9. ZIP CODE
670 GELLERT BLVD	DALY CITY	CA	94015

10A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT	10B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)
TERENCE RODRIGUES MIRANDA	BRAZIL

11A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT	11B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)
FRANCINE ZANCANARO LEHNEN	BRAZIL

SECOND PERSON DATA (■ Groom ☐ Bride)

12A. FIRST NAME	12B. MIDDLE
GLEIDSON	–

12C. CURRENT LAST	12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)
RODRIGUES DA SILVA	–

13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP	16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY:	16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
09/16/2001	BRAZIL	0	☐ DEATH ☐ DISSO ☐ ANNULMENT ☐ TERM SRDP ■ N/A	--/--/----

17. ADDRESS	18. CITY	19. STATE/COUNTRY	20. ZIP CODE
670 GELLERT BLVD	DALY CITY	CA	94015

21A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF FATHER/PARENT	21B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)
ADALTO PEREIRA DA SILVA	BRAZIL

22A. FULL BIRTH NAME OF MOTHER/PARENT	22B. STATE OF BIRTH (IF OUTSIDE U.S. ENTER COUNTRY)
MARILEIDE FONTES SILVA	BRAZIL

AFFIDAVIT

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT WE ARE UNMARRIED AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT NO LEGAL OBJECTION TO THE MARRIAGE NOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE IS KNOWN TO US. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

23. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 1A-1D	24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON LISTED IN FIELDS 12A-12D
▸ Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda	▸ Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva

LICENSE TO MARRY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES TO BE MARRIED HAVE PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, OR THE PERSON PERFORMING THE CEREMONY HAS PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME AND PRESENTED AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY THE PARTIES TO BE MARRIED DECLARING THAT ONE OR BOTH OF THE PARTIES ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO APPEAR AND EXPLAINING THE REASONS THEREFOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAMILY CODE SECTION 426. THE PARTIES PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO BE THE PERSONS CLAIMED, HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AND HAVE PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW. AUTHORIZATION AND LICENSE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ANY PERSON DULY AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO SOLEMNIZE THE MARRIAGE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PERSONS. REQUIRED CONSENTS AND AFFIDAVITS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LICENSE ARE ON FILE.

25A. ISSUE DATE (MM/DD/CCYY)	25B. EXPIRES AFTER (MM/DD/CCYY)	25C. NAME OF COUNTY CLERK	25D. SIGNATURE OF CLERK AND DEPUTY CLERK
02/23/2026	05/23/2026	MARK CHURCH	BY ▸

25E. MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER	25F. COUNTY OF ISSUE	25G. RETURN COMPLETED MARRIAGE LICENSE TO (INCLUDE ADDRESS):
SM028726	SAN MATEO	555 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

WITNESS(ES) (ONE REQUIRED, NO MORE THAN TWO ALLOWED)

26A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	26B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)
	Maricela Dujano

26C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE: 72 SOUTH ST #1 San Bruno, CA 94066

27A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	27B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)

27C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE:

CERTIFICATION OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES WERE JOINED BY ME IN MARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. NOTE: THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY MUST TAKE PLACE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

28A. DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/CCYY)	28B. CITY/TOWN OF MARRIAGE	28C. COUNTY OF MARRIAGE
03/21/2026	SAN MATEO	SAN MATEO COUNTY

29A. SIGNATURE OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE	29B. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION (IF CLERGY)
▸ Jennirose N. Rivera	NON-DENOMINATIONAL

29C. NAME OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)	29D. OFFICIAL TITLE
JENNIROSE N. RIVERA	MINISTER

29E. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE: 43 MORTON DRIVE, DALY CITY CA 94015

NEW NAMES (IF ANY)

NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 1A-1D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)

30A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 1A	30B. MIDDLE	30C. LAST
–	–	–

NEW MIDDLE AND LAST NAME OF PERSON LISTED IN 12A-12D (IF ANY) FOR USE UPON SOLEMNIZATION OF THE MARRIAGE (SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION)

31A. FIRST – MUST BE SAME AS 12A	31B. MIDDLE	31C. LAST
–	–	–

LOCAL REGISTRAR

32A. NAME OF LOCAL REGISTRAR	32B. SIGNATURE OF CLERK & DEPUTY CLERK	32C. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION
MARK CHURCH	BY ▸	MAR 30 2026

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Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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By KAMILLE SANTOS, Deputy — DATE ISSUED 03/30/2026

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

HEALTH SYSTEM

SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

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CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

USE BLACK INK ONLY

STATE FILE NUMBER

LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER

THIS CHILD

1A. NAME OF CHILD - FIRST	1B. MIDDLE	1C. LAST
ARTHUR	-	LEHNEN RODRIGUES

2. SEX	3A. THIS BIRTH, SINGLE, TWIN, ETC.	3B. IF MULTIPLE, THIS CHILD 1ST, 2ND, ETC.	4A. DATE OF BIRTH - MM/DD/CCYY	4B. HOUR - 24 HOUR CLOCK TIME
MALE	SINGLE	-	08/08/2024	2138

PLACE OF BIRTH

5A. PLACE OF BIRTH - NAME OF HOSPITAL OR FACILITY	5B. STREET ADDRESS - STREET AND NUMBER, OR LOCATION
KAISER FOUNDATION	1100 VETERANS BOULEVARD
5C. CITY	**5D. COUNTY**
REDWOOD CITY	SAN MATEO

NAME OF PARENT

6A. NAME OF PARENT - FIRST	6B. MIDDLE	6C. LAST - BIRTH NAME	6D.	7. BIRTHPLACE - STATE/ COUNTRY	8. DATE OF BIRTH
GLEIDSON	-	RODRIGUES DA SILVA	☐ MOTHER ☒ FATHER ☐ PARENT	BRAZIL	09/16/2001

NAME OF PARENT

9A. NAME OF PARENT - FIRST	9B. MIDDLE	9C. LAST - BIRTH NAME	9D.	10. BIRTHPLACE - STATE/ COUNTRY	11. DATE OF BIRTH
SOPHIA	-	LEHNEN RODRIGUES MIRANDA	☒ MOTHER ☐ FATHER ☐ PARENT	BRAZIL	12/20/1999

INFORMANT AND BIRTH CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THE STATED INFORMATION AND THAT IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.	12A. PARENT OR OTHER INFORMANT - SIGNATURE	12B. RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD	12C. DATE SIGNED
	CATHY SCANLON	BIRTH CLERK	08/10/2024
I CERTIFY THAT THE CHILD WAS BORN ALIVE AT THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE STATED.	13A. ATTENDANT/CERTIFIER - SIGNATURE AND DEGREE OR TITLE	13B. LICENSE NUMBER	13C. DATE SIGNED
	KAVITA SEGARAN, CLERK	G79287	08/14/2024

13D. TYPED NAME, TITLE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF ATTENDANT	14. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER IF OTHER THAN ATTENDANT
ERICA VERNICE BRENEMAN, MD 1100 VETERANS BOULEVARD, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063	KAVITA SEGARAN, CLERK

LOCAL REGISTRAR

15A. DATE OF DEATH - MM/DD/CCYY	15B. STATE FILE NO. - STATE USE ONLY	16. LOCAL REGISTRAR - SIGNATURE	17. DATE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION - MM/DD/CCYY
		KISMET BALDWIN-SANTANA, MD	08/14/2024

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 44973861

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization:

Date of birth: **DECEMBER 20, 1999**

Sex: **FEMALE**

Height: **5** *feet* **11** *inches*

Marital status: **SINGLE**

Country of former nationality: **BRAZIL**



USCIS Registration No. **A206 043 656**

I certify that the description given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

Sophia Lehnen Rodrigues Miranda

(Complete and true signature of holder)

Be it known that, pursuant to an application filed with the Secretary of Homeland Security

at: **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

The Secretary having found that:

SOPHIA LEHNEN RODRIGUES MIRANDA

residing at:

DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA

having complied in all respects with all of the applicable provisions of the naturalization laws of the United States, being entitled to be admitted as a citizen of the United States, and having taken the oath of allegiance at a ceremony conducted by

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

at: **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA** *on:* **SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

such person is admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

U. M. Jaddou

U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FORM N-550 (REV. 10/11)

Exhibit 3: Respondent's Immigration Documents

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Notice to Appear

In removal proceedings under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

Subject ID:365663706 FINS #:1281454068 File No: A203 758 084

DOB: 09/16/2001 Event No:EPS1906000355

In the Matter of:

Respondent: GLEIDSON SILVA-ANTUNES currently residing at:

375 OXFORD STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES 94134 (415)541-2211

(Number, street, city and ZIP code) (Area code and phone number)

☐ 1. You are an arriving alien.

☒ 2. You are an alien present in the United States who has not been admitted or paroled.

☐ 3. You have been admitted to the United States, but are removable for the reasons stated below.

FAMU

The Department of Homeland Security alleges that you:

1. You are not a citizen or national of the United States;
2. You are a native of BRAZIL and a citizen of BRAZIL ;
3. You arrived in the United States at or near EL PASO, TX , on or about June 12, 2019 ;
4. You were not then admitted or paroled after inspection by an Immigration Officer.

DEC 10

On the basis of the foregoing, it is charged that you are subject to removal from the United States pursuant to the following provision(s) of law:

212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, in that you are an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General.

Ex-1A
1/31/20
IJ Chris Pha

☐ This notice is being issued after an asylum officer has found that the respondent has demonstrated a credible fear of persecution or torture.

☐ Section 235(b)(1) order was vacated pursuant to: ☐8CFR 208.30(f)(2) ☐8CFR 235.3(b)(5)(iv)

YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice at:

100 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 800 San Francisco CA US 94104

(Complete Address of Immigration Court, including Room Number, if any)

on ~~a date to be set~~ MARCH 25, 2020 at ~~a time to be set~~ 8:00 AM to show why you should not be removed from the United States based on the charge(s) set forth above.

(Date) *(Time)*

GERARDO ARROYO PATROL AGENT IN CHARGE (ACTING)

(Signature and Title of Issuing Officer)

Date: June 12, 2019 Las Cruces, New Mexico

(City and State)

See reverse for important information

Form I-862 (Rev. 08/01/07) N

Notice to Respondent

Warning: Any statement you make may be used against you in removal proceedings.

Alien Registration: This copy of the Notice to Appear served upon you is evidence of your alien registration while you are under removal proceedings. You are required to carry it with you at all times.

Representation: If you so choose, you may be represented in this proceeding, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other individual authorized and qualified to represent persons before the Executive Office for Immigration Review, pursuant to 8 CFR 3.16. Unless you so request, no hearing will be scheduled earlier than ten days from the date of this notice, to allow you sufficient time to secure counsel. A list of qualified attorneys and organizations who may be available to represent you at no cost will be provided with this notice.

Conduct of the hearing: At the time of your hearing, you should bring with you any affidavits or other documents, which you desire to have considered in connection with your case. If you wish to have the testimony of any witnesses considered, you should arrange to have such witnesses present at the hearing.

At your hearing you will be given the opportunity to admit or deny any or all of the allegations in the Notice to Appear and that you are inadmissible or removable on the charges contained in the Notice to Appear. You will have an opportunity to present evidence on your own behalf, to examine any evidence presented by the Government, to object, on proper legal grounds, to the receipt of evidence and to cross examine any witnesses presented by the Government. At the conclusion of your hearing, you have a right to appeal an adverse decision by the immigration judge.

You will be advised by the immigration judge before whom you appear of any relief from removal for which you may appear eligible including the privilege of departure voluntarily. You will be given a reasonable opportunity to make any such application to the immigration judge.

Failure to appear: You are required to provide the DHS, in writing, with your full mailing address and telephone number. You must notify the Immigration Court immediately by using Form EOIR-33 whenever you change your address or telephone number during the course of this proceeding. You will be provided with a copy of this form. Notices of hearing will be mailed to this address. If you do not submit Form EOIR-33 and do not otherwise provide an address at which you may be reached during proceedings, then the Government shall not be required to provide you with written notice of your hearing. If you fail to attend the hearing at the time and place designated on this notice, or any date and time later directed by the Immigration Court, a removal order may be made by the immigration judge in your absence, and you may be arrested and detained by the DHS.

Mandatory Duty to Surrender for Removal: If you become subject to a final order of removal, you must surrender for removal to one of the offices listed in 8 CFR 241.16(a). Specific addresses on locations for surrender can be obtained from your local DHS office or over the internet at http://www.ice.gov/about/dro/contact.htm. You must surrender within 30 days from the date the order becomes administratively final, unless you obtain an order from a Federal court, immigration court, or the Board of Immigration Appeals staying execution of the removal order. Immigration regulations at 8 CFR 241.1 define when the removal order becomes administratively final. If you are granted voluntary departure and fail to depart the United States as required, fail to post a bond in connection with voluntary departure, or fail to comply with any other condition or term in connection with voluntary departure, you must surrender for removal on the next business day thereafter. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you will be ineligible for all forms of discretionary relief for as long as you remain in the United States and for ten years after departure or removal. This means you will be ineligible for asylum, cancellation of removal, voluntary departure, adjustment of status, change of nonimmigrant status, registry, and related waivers for this period. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you may also be criminally prosecuted under section 243 of the Act.

Request for Prompt Hearing

To expedite a determination in my case, I request an immediate hearing. I waive my right to a 10-day period prior to appearing before an immigration judge.

Before: _____

(Signature of Respondent)

_____ Date: _____

(Signature and Title of Immigration Officer)

Certificate of Service

This Notice To Appear was served on the respondent by me on June 12, 2019, in the following manner and in compliance with section 239(a)(1)(F) of the Act.

[X] in person [ ] by certified mail, returned receipt requested [X] by regular mail

[ ] Attached is a credible fear worksheet.

[X] Attached is a list of organizations and attorneys which provide free legal services.

11/01/2019

The alien was provided oral notice in the PORTUGUESE language of the time and place of his or her hearing and of the consequences of failure to appear as provided in section 240(b)(7) of the Act.

X _____

(Signature of Respondent if Personally Served)

DAKOTA REYNOLDS Border Patrol Agent

(Signature and Title of officer)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security | Subject ID: 365663706 | **Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien**

Family Name (CAPS)	First	Middle
SILVA-ANTUNES,	GLEIDSON	

Sex	Hair	Eyes	Cmplxn
M	BLK	BRO	MED

Country of Citizenship	Passport Number and Country of Issue	File Number
BRAZIL	FE337213, BRAZIL	CASE No: EPS1906000355 A203 758 084

Height	Weight	Occupation
69	165	STUDENT

U.S. Address: 375 OXFORD STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94134

Scars and Marks: None Indicated

Date, Place, Time, and Manner of Last Entry: 06/12/2019, 0015, 0.5 mile(s) W of PDN, PWA (AFOOT)

Passenger Boarded at:

F.B.I. Number: [redacted]

☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Married ☐ Widower ☐ Separated

Number, Street, City, Province (State) and Country of Permanent Residence: AV. FELIPE CAMARAO 239 L. 40 GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

Method of Location/Apprehension: PB

Date of Birth	Date of Action	Location Code
09/16/2001 Age: 17	06/12/2019	EPT/EPS

At/Near	Date/Hour
EL PASO, TX	06/12/2019 0020

City, Province (State) and Country of Birth: GOIANIA, GOIAS, BRAZIL

AR [X] Form: (Type and No.) Lifted ☐ Not Lifted ☐

By: ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ

NIV Issuing Post and NIV Number:

Social Security Account Name:

Status at Entry	Status When Found
PWA Mexico	TRAVEL/SEEKING

Date Visa Issued:

Social Security Number:

Length of Time Illegally in U.S.: WITHIN 72 HOURS

Immigration Record: NEGATIVE

Criminal Record:

Name, Address, and Nationality of Spouse (Maiden Name, if Appropriate):

Number and Nationality of Minor Children:

Father's Name, Nationality, and Address, if Known: See Narrative

Mother's Present and Maiden Names, Nationality, and Address, if Known: See Narrative

Monies Due/Property in U.S. Not in Immediate Possession	Fingerprinted?	Systems Checks	Charge Code Words(s)
None Claimed	☒ Yes ☐ No	See Narrative	I6A

Name and Address of (Last)(Current) U.S. Employer	Type of Employment	Salary	Employed from/to
		Hr	

Narrative (Outline particulars under which alien was located/apprehended. Include details not shown above regarding time, place and manner of last entry, attempted entry, or any other entry, and elements which establish administrative and/or criminal violation. Indicate means and route of travel to interior.)

FINS #: 1281454068

Family Unit/Group #: FMU1906012416





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ARREST COORDINATES:

Latitude: 31.7495

Longitude: -106.4911

CONSEQUENCE DELIVERY SYSTEM:

Classification: FMUA

Ex-2A

1/31/20

IJ Chris Phan

Alien has been advised of communication privileges: 06/12/19 DR (Date/Initials)

DAKOTA REYNOLDS
Border Patrol Agent
(Signature and Title of Immigration Officer)

Distribution:

Received: (Subject and Documents) (Report of Interview)

Officer: DAKOTA REYNOLDS

on: June 12, 2019 at 2052 (time)

Disposition: Notice to Appear Released (I-862)

Examining Officer: CHRISTIAN CASTRO

Form I-213 (Rev. 08/01/07) Y

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Alien's Name	File Number	Date
SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON	A203 758 084 Event No:EPS1906000355	06/12/2019

FATHER NAME AND ADDRESS:

Nationality:BRAZIL ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON
375 OXFORD STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94134, UNITED STATES
AV. FELIPE CAMARAO 239 L. 40
GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

MOTHER NAME AND ADDRESS:

Nationality:BRAZIL SILVA, MARILEIDI
AV. FELIPE CAMARAO 239 L. 40
GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

CUSTODY REDETERMINATION:

ORFU

ACCOMPANIED JUVENILE:

SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON was accompanied by ARILSON ELIAS-ANTUNES

FUNDS IN POSSESSION:

.00

RECORDS CHECKED:

ABIS Negative
IAFIS Negative

NARRATIVE:

PARENTS:
ELIAS-Antunes, Arilson (A 088-013-049) DOB 11/20/1968
CHILD:
SILVA-Antunes, Gleidson (A 203-758-084) DOB 09/16/2001

All pertinent information needed for child's assigned A-file was provided by the child's parent. All documents were served upon the parent.

Parent in the family unit stated that they WERE NOT part of a Central American caravan.

Parent in the family unit stated that they did not seek asylum in Mexico.

Signature	Title
DAKOTA REYNOLDS	Border Patrol Agent

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Alien's Name	File Number	Date
SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON	A203 758 084 Event No:EPS1906000355	06/12/2019

IMMIGRATION DATA:
The subjects are natives and citizens of Brazil by virtue of birth. The subjects are aliens illegally present in the United States, have no immigration documents in their possession nor have they or anyone else filed a petition on their behalf. Subjects have close family ties or roots in this country yet are likely to abscond.

APPREHENSION DATA:
On June 12, 2019, a Border Patrol Agent encountered the subjects in the El Paso, Texas Border Patrol Station's area of responsibility. A Border Patrol Agent determined the subjects had unlawfully entered the United States from Mexico, at a time and place other than designated by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States. After determining that the subjects were aliens whom illegally entered the United States, the subjects were arrested and transported to the Las Cruces Border Patrol Station for processing. The family unit will be released on their own recognizance.

At the station, subjects were enrolled into the E3 system. All subjects age 14 and above were enrolled into the IDENT/NGI systems. Juveniles the age of 13 and below were enrolled into e3 only, due to their age.

IMMIGRATION HISTORY: NEGATIVE

CRIMINAL HISTORY: NEGATIVE

WANTS/WARRANTS: NEGATIVE

DISPOSITION:
The parent was processed as NTA - Release (Forms 862, 286, 220A) and the child was processed as NTA - Release (Forms 862, 286, 220A) and a list of free legal services was provided.

Subjects claim they DO NOT have fear of persecution or torture if returned to their native country.

Subjects were advised of their right to speak with a consulate representative of their native country but declined to do so at this time.

Subjects appear and claim to be in good health, and fluent in the Portuguese language.

PROPERTY:
Subjects retain no property with the United States Border Patrol.

US POINT OF CONTACT:
Joao Carlos Perreira (friend)
375 Oxford Street
(415) 541-2211
San Francisco, CA 94134

Signature	Title
DAKOTA REYNOLDS	Border Patrol Agent

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Alien's Name	File Number	Date
SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON	A203 758 084 Event No:EPS1906000355	06/12/2019

The aforementioned address was verified on USPS.com

Signature	Title
DAKOTA REYNOLDS	Border Patrol Agent

NOTICE OF HEARING IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
IMMIGRATION COURT
100 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

LEAD FILE: 088-013-049
RE: 088-013-049 ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON
203-758-084 SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON

DATE: Dec 12, 2019

TO: ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON
375 OXFORD STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

HEARING DATE ON NOTICE TO APPEAR IS CANCELED. NEW DATE SHOWN BELOW.

Please take notice that the above captioned case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the Immigration Court on Jan 31, 2020 at 08:30 A.M. at:

100 MONTGOMERY ST., 4TH FLOOR, COURTROOM 26
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other individual who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an Immigration Court. Your hearing date has not been scheduled earlier than 10 days from the date of service of the Notice to Appear in order to permit you the opportunity to obtain an attorney or representative. If you wish to be represented, your attorney or representative must appear with you at the hearing prepared to proceed. You can request an earlier hearing in writing.

Failure to appear at your hearing except for exceptional circumstances may result in one or more of the following actions: (1) You may be taken into custody by the Department of Homeland Security and held for further action. OR (2) Your hearing may be held in your absence under section 240(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. An order of removal will be entered against you if the Department of Homeland Security established by clear, unequivocal and convincing evidence that a) you or your attorney has been provided this notice and b) you are removable.

IF YOUR ADDRESS IS NOT LISTED ON THE NOTICE TO APPEAR, OR IF IT IS NOT CORRECT, WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THIS NOTICE YOU MUST PROVIDE TO THE IMMIGRATION COURT SAN FRANCISCO, CA THE ATTACHED FORM EOIR-33 WITH YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER AT WHICH YOU CAN BE CONTACTED REGARDING THESE PROCEEDINGS. EVERYTIME YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER, YOU MUST INFORM THE COURT OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE CHANGE ON THE ATTACHED FORM EOIR-33. ADDITIONAL FORMS EOIR-33 CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COURT WHERE YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR. IN THE EVENT YOU ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN A FORM EOIR-33, YOU MAY PROVIDE THE COURT IN WRITING WITH YOUR NEW ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT YOU MUST CLEARLY MARK THE ENVELOPE "CHANGE OF ADDRESS." CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COURT, INCLUDING HEARING NOTICES, WILL BE SENT TO THE MOST RECENT ADDRESS YOU HAVE PROVIDED, AND WILL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO YOU AND THESE PROCEEDINGS CAN GO FORWARD IN YOUR ABSENCE.

A list of free legal service providers has been given to you. For information regarding the status of your case, call toll free 1-800-898-7180 or 240-314-1500.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS DOCUMENT WAS SERVICED BY: MAIL (M) PERSONAL SERVICE (P)
TO: [X] ALIEN [ ] ALIEN c/o Custodial Officer [ ] ALIEN's ATT/REP [X] DHS
DATE: 12-13-2019 BY: COURT STAFF _____

Attachments: [X] EOIR-33 [ ] EOIR-28 [X] Legal Services List [ ] Other T3

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
100 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON
375 OXFORD STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

In the matter of
ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON, et al

File A 088-013-049
203-758-084

DATE: Jan 31, 2020

__ Unable to forward - No address provided.

__ Attached is a copy of the decision of the Immigration Judge. This decision is final unless an appeal is filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals within 30 calendar days of the date of the mailing of this written decision. See the enclosed forms and instructions for properly preparing your appeal. Your notice of appeal, attached documents, and fee or fee waiver request must be mailed to:

Board of Immigration Appeals
Office of the Clerk
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2000
Falls Church, VA 22041

✓ __ Attached is a copy of the decision of the immigration judge as the result of your Failure to Appear at your scheduled deportation or removal hearing. This decision is final unless a Motion to Reopen is filed in accordance with Section 242b(c)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1252b(c)(3) in deportation proceedings or section 240(b)(5)(C), 8 U.S.C. § 1229a(b)(5)(C) in removal proceedings. If you file a motion to reopen, your motion must be filed with this court:

IMMIGRATION COURT
100 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 800
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

__ Attached is a copy of the decision of the immigration judge relating to a Reasonable Fear Review. This is a final order. Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1208.31(g)(1), no administrative appeal is available. However, you may file a petition for review within 30 days with the appropriate Circuit Court of Appeals to appeal this decision pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1252; INA §242.

__ Attached is a copy of the decision of the immigration judge relating to a Credible Fear Review. This is a final order. No appeal is available.

__ Other: _____

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COURT CLERK
IMMIGRATION COURT

FF

cc:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON

DATE: Jan 31, 2020

CASE NO. A088-013-049

RESPONDENT IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

Jurisdiction was established in this matter by the filing of the Notice to Appear issued by the Department of Homeland Security, with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and by service upon the respondent. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.14(a), 103.5a.

The respondent was provided written notification of the time, date and location of the respondent's removal hearing. The respondent was also provided a written warning that failure to attend this hearing, for other than exceptional circumstances, would result in the issuance of an order of removal in the respondent's absence provided that removability was established. Despite the written notification provided, the respondent failed to appear at his/her hearing, and no exceptional circumstances were shown for his/her failure to appear. This hearing was, therefore, conducted in absentia pursuant to section 240(b)(5)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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I further find that the respondent's failure to appear and proceed with any applications for relief from removal constitutes an abandonment of any pending applications and any applications the respondent may have been eligible to file. Those applications are deemed abandoned and denied for lack of prosecution. See Matter of Pearson, 13 I&N Dec. 152 (BIA 1969); Matter of Perez, 19 I&N Dec. 433 (BIA 1987); Matter of R-R, 20 I&N Dec. 547 (BIA 1992).

ORDER: The respondent shall be removed to BRAZIL or in the alternative to on the charge(s) contained in the Notice to Appear.

PHAN, CHRISTOPHER
Immigration Judge

cc: Assistant District Counsel
Attorney for Respondent/Respondent

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
SILVA-ANTUNES, GLEIDSON

DATE: Jan 31, 2020

CASE NO. A203-758-084

RESPONDENT IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS

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cc: Assistant District Counsel
Attorney for Respondent/Respondent

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Exhibit 4: Arilson Elias-Antunes' Immigration Documents

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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In removal proceedings under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

Subject ID:365663271 FINS #:20211062 File No: A088 013 049

DOB: 11/20/1968 Event No:EPS1906000355

In the Matter of:

Respondent: ARILSON ELIAS-ANTUNES currently residing at:

375 OXFORD STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES 94134 (415)541-2211

(Number, street, city and ZIP code) (Area code and phone number)

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FAMU

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DEC 10 2019
IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT

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Ex-1
1/31/20
IJ Chris Phan

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YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice at:

100 MONTGOMERY ST., SUITE 800 San Francisco CA US 94104

(Complete Address of Immigration Court, including Room Number, if any)

on ~~a date to be set~~ MARCH 25, 2020 (Date) at ~~a time to be set~~ 1:00 PM (Time) to show why you should not be removed from the United States based on the charge(s) set forth above.

GERARDO ARROYO PATROL AGENT IN CHARGE (ACTING)

(Signature and Title of Issuing Officer)

Date: June 12, 2019 Las Cruces, New Mexico

(City and State)

See reverse for important information

Form I-862 (Rev. 08/01/07) N

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Representation: If you so choose, you may be represented in this proceeding, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other individual authorized and qualified to represent persons before the Executive Office for Immigration Review, pursuant to 8 CFR 3.16. Unless you so request, no hearing will be scheduled earlier than ten days from the date of this notice, to allow you sufficient time to secure counsel. A list of qualified attorneys and organizations who may be available to represent you at no cost will be provided with this notice.

Conduct of the hearing: At the time of your hearing, you should bring with you any affidavits or other documents, which you desire to have considered in connection with your case. If you wish to have the testimony of any witnesses considered, you should arrange to have such witnesses present at the hearing.

At your hearing you will be given the opportunity to admit or deny any or all of the allegations in the Notice to Appear and that you are inadmissible or removable on the charges contained in the Notice to Appear. You will have an opportunity to present evidence on your own behalf, to examine any evidence presented by the Government, to object, on proper legal grounds, to the receipt of evidence and to cross examine any witnesses presented by the Government. At the conclusion of your hearing, you have a right to appeal an adverse decision by the immigration judge.

You will be advised by the immigration judge before whom you appear of any relief from removal for which you may appear eligible including the privilege of departure voluntarily. You will be given a reasonable opportunity to make any such application to the immigration judge.

Failure to appear: You are required to provide the DHS, in writing, with your full mailing address and telephone number. You must notify the Immigration Court immediately by using Form EOIR-33 whenever you change your address or telephone number during the course of this proceeding. You will be provided with a copy of this form. Notices of hearing will be mailed to this address. If you do not submit Form EOIR-33 and do not otherwise provide an address at which you may be reached during proceedings, then the Government shall not be required to provide you with written notice of your hearing. If you fail to attend the hearing at the time and place designated on this notice, or any date and time later directed by the Immigration Court, a removal order may be made by the immigration judge in your absence, and you may be arrested and detained by the DHS.

Mandatory Duty to Surrender for Removal: If you become subject to a final order of removal, you must surrender for removal to one of the offices listed in 8 CFR 241.16(a). Specific addresses on locations for surrender can be obtained from your local DHS office or over the internet at http://www.ice.gov/about/dro/contact.htm. You must surrender within 30 days from the date the order becomes administratively final, unless you obtain an order from a Federal court, immigration court, or the Board of Immigration Appeals staying execution of the removal order. Immigration regulations at 8 CFR 241.1 define when the removal order becomes administratively final. If you are granted voluntary departure and fail to depart the United States as required, fail to post a bond in connection with voluntary departure, or fail to comply with any other condition or term in connection with voluntary departure, you must surrender for removal on the next business day thereafter. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you will be ineligible for all forms of discretionary relief for as long as you remain in the United States and for ten years after departure or removal. This means you will be ineligible for asylum, cancellation of removal, voluntary departure, adjustment of status, change of nonimmigrant status, registry, and related waivers for this period. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you may also be criminally prosecuted under section 243 of the Act.

Request for Prompt Hearing

To expedite a determination in my case, I request an immediate hearing. I waive my right to a 10-day period prior to appearing before an immigration judge.

Before: _____

(Signature of Respondent)

Date: _____

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(Signature and Title of Immigration Officer)

Certificate of Service

This Notice To Appear was served on the respondent by me on June 12, 2019, in the following manner and in compliance with section 239(a)(1)(F) of the Act.

- [X] in person
- [ ] by certified mail, returned receipt requested
- [X] by regular mail
- [ ] Attached is a credible fear worksheet.
- [X] Attached is a list of organizations and attorneys which provide free legal services.

11/01/2019

The alien was provided ~~oral notice~~ in the PORTUGUESE language of the time and place of his or her hearing and of the consequences of failure to appear as provided in section 240(b)(7) of the Act.

X _____

(Signature of Respondent if Personally Served)

DAKOTA REYNOLDS Border Patrol Agent

(Signature and Title of officer)

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security Subject ID:365663271 **Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien**

Family Name (CAPS)	First	Middle
ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON		

Country of Citizenship	Passport Number and Country of Issue	File Number
BRAZIL	FV355747, BRAZIL	CASE NO:EPS1906000355 A088 013 049

U.S. Address: 375 OXFORD STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 94134

Date, Place, Time, and Manner of Last Entry	Passenger Boarded at
06/12/2019, 0015, 0.5 mile(s) W of PDN, PWA (AFOOT)	

Number, Street, City, Province (State) and Country of Permanent Residence: AV. FELIPE CAMARAO 239 L. 40 GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

Date of Birth	Date of Action	Location Code
11/20/1968 Age:50	06/12/2019	EPT/EPS

City, Province (State) and Country of Birth	AR [X]	Form: (Type and No.) Lifted ☐ Not Lifted ☐
GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL		

NIV Issuing Post and NIV Number	Social Security Account Name

Date Visa Issued	Social Security Number

Sex	Hair	Eyes	Cmplxn
M	BLK	BRO	MED

Height	Weight	Occupation
70	190	LABORER

Scars and Marks: NONE INDICATED

F.B.I. Number [redacted] ☒ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Married ☐ Widower ☐ Separated

Method of Location/Apprehension: PB

At/Near	Date/Hour
EL PASO, TX	06/12/2019 0020

By: ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ

Status at Entry	Status When Found
PWA Mexico	TRAVEL/SEEKING

Length of Time Illegally in U.S.: AT ENTRY

Immigration Record	Criminal Record
NEGATIVE	None Known

Name, Address, and Nationality of Spouse (Maiden Name, if Appropriate)	Number and Nationality of Minor Children
	1-BRAZIL

Father's Name, Nationality, and Address, if Known	Mother's Present and Maiden Names, Nationality, and Address, if Known
See Narrative	See Narrative

Monies Due/Property in U.S. Not in Immediate Possession	Fingerprinted? ☒ Yes ☐ No	Systems Checks	Charge Code Words(s)
None Claimed			I6A

Name and Address of (Last)(Current) U.S. Employer	Type of Employment	Salary / Hr	Employed from/to

Narrative (Outline particulars under which alien was located/apprehended. Include details not shown above regarding time, place and manner of last entry, attempted entry, or any other entry, and elements which establish administrative and/or criminal violation. Indicate means and route of travel to interior.)

FINS #:20211062 I77 #:8483514

Family Unit/Group #:FMU1906012416





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ARREST COORDINATES:

Latitude: 31.7495
Longitude: -106.4911

CONSEQUENCE DELIVERY SYSTEM:

Classification: FMUA

Ex-2
1/31/20
IJ Chrisphan

Alien has been advised of communication privileges 06/12/19 (Date/Initials)

DAKOTA REYNOLDS
Border Patrol Agent
(Signature and Title of Immigration Officer)

Distribution:

Received: (Subject and Documents) (Report of Interview)

Officer: DAKOTA REYNOLDS

on: June 12, 2019 at 1751 (time)

Disposition: Notice to Appear Released (I-862)

Examining Officer: CHRISTIAN CASTRO

Alien's Name	File Number	Date
ELIAS-ANTUNES, ARILSON	A088 013 049 Event No:EPS1906000355	06/12/2019

FATHER NAME AND ADDRESS:

Nationality:BRAZIL ANTUNES, HUMEBEMO

GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

MOTHER NAME AND ADDRESS:

Nationality:BRAZIL MAGALUNES, MARILDA

GOIAS, GOIANIA, BRAZIL

CUSTODY REDETERMINATION:

ORFU

FUNDS IN POSSESSION:

United States Dollar 51.00

NARRATIVE:

PARENTS:
ELIAS-Antunes, Arilson (A 088-013-049) DOB 11/20/1968
CHILD:
SILVA-Antunes, Gleidson (A 203-758-084) DOB 09/16/2001

All pertinent information needed for child's assigned A-file was provided by the child's parent. All documents were served upon the parent.

Parent in the family unit stated that they WERE NOT part of a Central American caravan.

Parent in the family unit stated that they did not seek asylum in Mexico.

IMMIGRATION DATA:
The subjects are natives and citizens of Brazil by virtue of birth. The subjects are aliens illegally present in the United States, have no immigration documents in their possession nor have they or anyone else filed a petition on their behalf. Subjects have close family ties or roots in this country yet are likely to abscond.

APPREHENSION DATA:
On June 12, 2019, a Border Patrol Agent encountered the subjects in the El Paso, Texas Border Patrol Station's area of responsibility. A Border Patrol Agent determined the subjects had unlawfully entered the United States from Mexico, at a time and place other

Signature	Title
DAKOTA REYNOLDS	Border Patrol Agent

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than designated by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security of the United States. After determining that the subjects were aliens whom illegally entered the United States, the subjects were arrested and transported to the Las Cruces Border Patrol Station for processing. The family unit will be released on their own recognizance.

At the station, subjects were enrolled into the E3 system. All subjects age 14 and above were enrolled into the IDENT/NGI systems. Juveniles the age of 13 and below were enrolled into e3 only, due to their age.

IMMIGRATION HISTORY: POSTIVE A#088-013-049 Subject has previous encounters.
12/27/2006 Port of Miami -Alien Inadmissibility.
12/28/2006 ICE/ERO Miami - Fraud-Passport and visa. 1-29-2007 time served imprisonment, 1 yr supervised release. 02/12/2007-supervised release

CRIMINAL HISTORY: NEGATIVE

WANTS/WARRANTS: NEGATIVE

DISPOSITION:
The parent was processed as NTA - Release (Forms 862, 286, 220A) and the child was processed as NTA - Release (Forms 862, 286, 220A) and a list of free legal services was provided.

Subjects claim they DO NOT have fear of persecution or torture if returned to their native country.

Subjects were advised of their right to speak with a consulate representative of their native country but declined to do so at this time.

Subjects appear and claim to be in good health, and fluent in the Portuguese language.

PROPERTY:
Subjects retain no property with the United States Border Patrol.

US POINT OF CONTACT:
Joao Carlos Perreira (friend)
375 Oxford Street
(415) 541-2211
San Francisco, CA 94134

The aforementioned address was verified on USPS.com

Signature	Title
DAKOTA REYNOLDS	Border Patrol Agent

Exhibit 5: Respondent's Declaration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT

DECLARATION OF GLEIDSON SILVA ANTUNES
ALIEN NUMBER 203-758-084
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO REOPEN

I, Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva, declare, and hereby inform that:

1. My name is Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva. I am 24 years old, and I was born on September 16, 2001, in the city of Buritis, in the State of Rondônia, Brazil. The surname "Silva-Antunes," as it appears in my United States immigration records, was imposed on me without my understanding what was happening, as part of a scheme orchestrated by third parties that facilitated my entry into the United States when I was a minor, at the age of seventeen.
2. I grew up in a humble family in the city of Buritis, Rondônia, a small and quiet town in the interior of Brazil. We lived in Sector 4, on Rua Jaru. Buritis is a town with little crime, peaceful, where people know each other.
3. My mother separated from my father when my brother and I were very young. I have no memory of my parents together. My father is the biological father only of me and my second brother. After the separation, he came to see us a few times, but he never brought anything, never provided consistent financial or emotional support. Over time, he simply vanished. He would move to other cities and we would lose contact. My mother did not encourage us to look for him. His absence was a constant in my life.
4. During the early years, we lived with my maternal grandmother, who gave us support and stability. My grandmother passed away when I was approximately seven or eight years old. Her death was a turning point in my childhood, because from that moment on, my mother was left completely alone as both father and mother of the household. There were five of us: me, my mother, and my siblings, Alison Rodrigues da Silva, Kauane Cristina fontes da Silva e Henrique Freitas da Silva.
5. Over the years, my mother had other relationships, but none lasted very long—two or three years each. None of those partners took on a fatherly role for us. I, being the oldest son and the only male in the house most of the time, assumed from a very early age responsibilities that were not mine. I took care of my siblings, I took care of the house while my mother worked. I was a child taking care of children.
6. My mother worked producing and selling spices and condiments. Her work required constant travel outside the city to sell her products in other locations. She was frequently

absent, sometimes for days at a time. My mother had very little formal education—she did not complete elementary school—but she did everything she could to ensure we did not go without food. We did not go hungry, but we lived in tight circumstances. It was a daily struggle.

7. I began working when I was approximately twelve years old. My first job was at an auto body repair shop, where we fixed crashed cars. When I was around fourteen or fifteen, I worked at a truck body manufacturing facility, where I cleaned the premises. After that, I worked at an agricultural supply store, where I carried heavy bags of animal feed, corn, salt, and other products. I do not remember my exact age at that time, but it was shortly after I started working at the truck body facility. It was physically demanding work for a child my age.

8. After working at the agricultural store, I spent approximately one year helping my mother produce and package the spices she sold. I helped her so that she would not have to pay someone else to do the work. At sixteen, I got a job at a glass installation company, where I installed doors, windows, and shower enclosures. I left that job when I was seventeen.

9. I attended school until my second year of high school. I had already repeated a year in eighth grade. At seventeen, when I was taken to the United States, I was halfway through my second year and had to drop out. I never completed high school.

10. My family's financial situation was very difficult. My mother, trying to maintain the household and support four children, had to borrow money. When she was unable to repay the amount on time, the lenders began to pressure and threaten her. The matter went to court, and a judge ordered her to pay in installments. Even so, the creditor's children continued to harass and intimidate my mother, who lived in fear that they would harm her or us, her children.

11. That was the state of my family when the plans to take me to the United States began: a single mother with little education, in debt, being threatened, raising four children in a small town, with no support network and no visible alternatives. I was the oldest child and felt the weight of trying to help.

12. Two of my uncles were already planning to go to the United States. One of them was my Uncle Adriano, the husband of my mother's sister, who visited our home frequently. Uncle Adriano told me he had met a man who helped Brazilians emigrate to the United States. In my understanding, this man worked organizing travel and assisting people who wanted a better life abroad.

13. During one of his visits, Uncle Adriano suggested to my mother: "Why don't you send Gleidson to the United States?" My mother refused immediately. She said I was too young and could not go. I was not yet eighteen. She did not want to send me under any circumstances.

14. However, the man that my uncle had mentioned did not accept the refusal. He returned personally to our home, accompanied by my uncle, on more than one occasion. He called my mother, insisted, and asked my uncle to speak with her again. He presented the trip to the United States as a real and safe opportunity for our family. He told my mother he could take me in an organized manner, without risks, and that I would have support upon arrival. He conveyed the impression that this was a structured and legitimate process. He initially suggested that my mother come with me, but she refused because she could not abandon my younger siblings.

15. My mother and I had no knowledge of or experience with immigration processes. We did not know what a visa was, how legal entry into another country worked, or how complex immigration law could be. To us, this man was an acquaintance of my uncle who offered a service: helping people go to the United States.

16. My mother, pressured by the financial situation, the debts, the threats from creditors, and the man's repeated insistence, eventually gave in. She called me at home, together with my stepfather at the time, and asked me if I wanted to go. I remember she was already crying before I even answered. She asked: "Do you think you can handle living far from your mother?" I had never lived away from her. I had never planned to leave Brazil. The idea did not originate from me.

17. I accepted because I saw in that possibility a chance to help my mother escape the debts and the threats. I said to her: "Since we're living like this, I'll go. In five years I'll be back, I'll come back home." I did not come to the United States to get rich or to build a life for myself. I came because my mother was suffocating, and I, as the oldest son, felt the obligation to try to save my family.

18. The man explained that he would arrange the details of my trip to the United States. My mother and I understood that this was an opportunity for me to travel abroad and pursue a better future. At the time, we trusted what he told us and did not understand that there could be anything improper or illegal about the arrangements.

19. My family believed that I was being given an opportunity to improve my life and help my family in the future. We had no reason at the time to believe that the arrangements involved anything illegal.

20. The man assumed full responsibility for organizing the trip. He told my mother he would take care of everything: tickets, documents, logistics. My mother said she did not know how to handle those things, and he replied that she did not need to worry, that he would resolve everything. He asked for copies of my documents, my identity card and birth certificate, which my mother provided because she understood them to be part of the arrangements he was making on our behalf.

21. Days later, he appeared at our home with a document that contained my photograph. I noticed that the surname on the document was not mine; it read "Antunes" instead of

"Rodrigues." He asked me to sign it. At the time, I did not think much of it. I trusted the man because he had been recommended by my own uncle, and I believed he was handling the arrangements properly. I had no reason to think that there was anything wrong with the document, so I signed it.

22. I did not know that the document was forged or that using a different surname could have legal consequences. No one explained this to me, and at the time, I did not understand that there was anything wrong with the document. I simply believed that it was part of the paperwork I needed in order to travel.

23. My mother also did not understand what was happening. She had very little formal education, had never dealt with international documents, and trusted entirely in the word of that man, who had been introduced to her by her own brother-in-law. For her, just as for me, everything appeared to be done as part of a normal and organized process.

24. My original documents remained with my mother in Brazil. I carried my original identity card for domestic travel within Brazil. The passport and other travel documents remained entirely under the responsibility of the man who organized the crossing and the people he designated. I did not have access to the passport at any point during the trip. That, in my perception, seemed normal: he was taking care of everything, as he had promised.

25. I left Buritis, Rondônia, by bus, accompanied by a friend from the same town who was also being taken under the same conditions. My mother packed my things, bought me some clothes, and said goodbye. I was a seventeen-year-old boy leaving home for the first time. There was nothing in that farewell that made me suspect I was being drawn into something wrong. To me, I was going to seek a better life to help my family.

26. We traveled to Goiânia, in the State of Goiás, where, following instructions received by phone, we met the people who would accompany us on the trip. We were directed to a hotel, and there we met the men who would travel with us. It was at that moment that I met Arilson Elias-Antunes, the adult man who, as I was told, would travel with me and present himself as my responsible guardian.

27. Arilson Elias-Antunes was a complete stranger to me. I had never seen him before that day. I recall that when we met, someone even joked about the fact that I am dark-skinned and he is white. The situation was unusual, and I remember feeling uncomfortable and unsure about what was happening. However, I was seventeen years old and surrounded by adults who were telling me what to do. I did not feel that I was in a position to question or oppose their instructions, especially because I was relying on them to arrange my travel. I was also afraid of saying or doing something that could cause problems.

28. From the moment we met Arilson, the passports and travel documents remained in his possession. He held everything at all times. I had no access to my own passport at any point. They organized everything: the airline tickets, the transfers, the departure points.

My friend and I simply followed instructions, as any young person would follow the guidance of an adult responsible for a trip.

29. At every airport and checkpoint we passed through, Arilson was the one who presented the documents and answered the questions from the authorities. He was the adult accompanying me, and he took the lead throughout the trip. I was seventeen years old and had never been through an international trip like this before. I did not feel that I could simply interrupt him or challenge what he was saying to the authorities. I was relying on him to guide me through the process, and I was also afraid of what could happen if I contradicted him or caused a problem. I did not know what would happen to me if I was left behind or if the trip was stopped.

30. I did not tell the authorities that Arilson was not my father because I did not feel that I was in a position to contradict him. He was the adult in charge of the trip, and I understood that I was expected to follow his instructions. I was concerned about being left alone in an unfamiliar place or being punished for interfering with the arrangements that had been made for me. At the time, I did not understand the consequences of what was happening, and I did not believe that I had the authority or ability to take control of the situation myself.

31. On June 12, 2019, we entered the United States through the El Paso, Texas region. I was seventeen years old. Arilson Elias-Antunes identified himself as my father to the border agents. He presented the travel documents. The agents processed our data and collected our fingerprints. I remember seeing other families there as well, parents with their children. Nothing about it seemed abnormal to me.

32. All of my documents, including the Notice to Appear, were served on Arilson, not on me. The authorities also spoke directly to him, and they spoke in Spanish, so I did not understand what was happening or any instructions that were given to us. Arilson never gave any of the documents to me, and I did not have copies of them. I only saw these documents for the first time after my attorney filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request on my behalf.

33. What happened next completely changed my understanding of everything that had occurred. After our release at the border, Arilson Elias-Antunes approached my friend and me and handed us the passports and identity documents. He said, coldly, that from that point forward we were on our own. That he would not continue with us. That his role was only to get us inside the country and that, from there on, he had nothing more to do with us.

34. When I asked about the appearance the agents had mentioned, he replied: “That court thing has nothing to do with me. I’m not really your father. I’m not going to follow through with any of it.” He said the same thing to my friend. It was in that moment, hearing those words, that I began to understand that something was profoundly wrong.

The man who had traveled with me, who had presented himself as my father before authorities, who had held my documents throughout the entire trip, was telling me that none of it was real. And after saying that, he simply turned around and disappeared.

35. My friend and I were left abandoned, alone, at the immigration processing station near the border. I was seventeen years old. I did not speak English, not even "hi" or "bye." I had no money. I did not know where to go. I did not know anyone in that country. I was holding documents that I was now beginning to understand were not what I had thought they were. And there was no one in the world who could help me in that moment. It was the first time in my life that I felt a real fear of being completely alone.

36. Desperate, I managed to call my mother in Brazil using phone credits we had purchased in Mexico during the trip. I told her we had been abandoned. My mother, in despair, called the man who had organized everything. He, through his contacts, arranged for someone in the United States to come pick us up near the border.

37. That is how I met Dani, a Brazilian woman who had been living in the United States for many years. Dani took us into her home and gave us our first shelter and guidance. When my friend and I told her our story — the documents with different names, the man posing as a father, the abandonment — she was shocked. She told us that what had been done to us was very serious and that we needed to be careful going forward.

38. That was the moment I began to sense, for the first time, that something about my situation was different from what I had believed. Until that instant, I thought that everything that had been done was part of a legitimate process to help me reach the United States. I did not know the passport had been altered. I did not understand what it meant to have signed a document with another name. I did not understand what it meant to present myself as the son of a stranger.

39. I called my mother and said, with a heavy heart: "Mom, this passport worries me." I also told her: "You cannot let this happen to anyone else. If I had tried for a student visa, my life would have been completely different." In that moment, I felt fear, confusion, and a profound sense of having been used. I was a child who trusted adults, and those adults deceived me.

40. I did not attend the immigration court hearing. There are several reasons for this, and they are all connected to the fact that I was a minor who had been deceived and left on my own. First, I had no knowledge of the date, the location, or the address of the court. The NTA-related documents were given exclusively to Arilson Elias-Antunes, who was listed as my father in the records. I did not keep any copy. And since the NTA was linked to the false name and the address provided by Arilson, any subsequent notification was directed to him, not to me.

41. Second, I believed I needed to appear at the hearing accompanied by Arilson, since he was listed as my father in the immigration records. When he abandoned me and said he had

nothing to do with the court, I concluded there was no way for me to go alone. I learned that a friend who had come under similar conditions, but with his real father, attended the hearing with his father. This reinforced my belief that I needed to be accompanied. It never occurred to me that I could or should appear on my own.

42. Third, I was a seventeen-year-old teenager in a foreign country, with no understanding of the American legal system, without speaking a single word of English, and with absolutely no legal guidance. I had no attorney, no interpreter, and no one who could explain my rights or obligations.

43. Fourth, after understanding the severity of the forgery, I developed a deep fear. People in the Brazilian community in the United States told me that if I appeared in court, I would be arrested because of the false documents. That they would send me away. That information, although I now know it was incorrect, paralyzed me. The fear of being arrested and deported prevented me from seeking any kind of legal assistance or attending any hearing. I lived with that constant fear for years.

44. On January 31, 2020, an in absentia removal order was issued against me by the Immigration Court in San Francisco, California, under the name Gleidson Silva-Antunes, case number A203-758-084. I was not notified of that order. I did not know it existed. I only became aware of it when my current attorneys informed me, years later.

45. First, there was deception. The man who organized my crossing deceived my mother and me. He presented himself as someone offering a legitimate opportunity. He conveyed trust, safety, and seriousness. He promised that everything would be done in an organized and safe manner. At no point did he reveal to us that the documents would be forged, that I would be registered as the son of a stranger, or that I would be abandoned after entering the country. He exploited our ignorance about immigration processes and kept us in the dark throughout.

46. Second, there were unfulfilled promises. He promised that someone would be waiting for me, that I would have support upon arrival, that I would be safe and protected. The reality was the opposite: I was left at an airport, not knowing where to go, unable to speak the language, without money, and with no safety net. None of the promises that convinced my mother to let me go were fulfilled.

47. Third, I felt pressured to travel. The decision did not originate from me. The man approached my mother repeatedly, insisting, going to our house, using my uncle as an intermediary. He exploited my family's desperate financial situation to convince us. My mother, in debt and under threat from creditors, succumbed to the pressure. I, as her son, felt the obligation to go and help. There was no free and informed choice. There was pressure, insistence, and manipulation of vulnerable people.

48. Fourth, I felt used because of my minor status. Looking back, I understand that the man deliberately exploited my condition as a minor. He knew that the presence of a child

accompanied by an adult registered as a “father” would raise fewer suspicions at borders. My minor status was the tool that facilitated the crossing. I was not a conscious participant in this scheme—I was the instrument that made the scheme possible. I was used.

49. Even after arriving in the United States, I was not entirely free from the man’s influence. When my friend, who came under the same conditions, decided not to pay the remaining balance, I was afraid. I told him: “Your family lives there. If you don’t pay, he could do something to your mother or father.” The man knew where our families lived in Brazil. The urgency I felt to pay was not goodwill—it was fear of retaliation against my mother and my siblings.

50. I worked in the United States to repay the amount my mother had borrowed and to settle the remaining balance owed for the trip. I sent the money to my mother in Brazil, and she was the one who dealt directly with the man to repay the lender and settle the remaining balance. Only after everything was paid did her contact with him end. Since then, neither I nor my mother have had any connection whatsoever with that man or with Arilson Elias-Antunes.

51. I did not choose to falsify my name. I did not choose who would be registered as my father. I had no control over the documents at any point. I did not understand the legal consequences of what was being done. And when I arrived at the destination, I was simply discarded.

52. Today, with the maturity and understanding I now possess, I know that what was done was wrong. I still talk to my mother about it, and I tell her: if I had the understanding I have now, I would have refused. If I had tried for a student visa, my life would have been completely different. But at the time, I lacked that perspective. I was a boy who wanted to help his mother, and I trusted those who told me they could help.

53. The incorrect data on my passport profoundly harmed my life in the United States. Since I arrived, I have been unable to enroll in any school because my name was incorrect. I wanted to finish high school. I needed just one more year to complete it. But when I tried to correct my name, people in the community told me I would be arrested and deported. I gave up. I have lived all these years carrying a name that is not mine, in constant shame and fear.

54. I did not study because of the incorrect name. I did not seek legal help out of fear of being arrested. I lived for years in a limbo: working, contributing, trying to build something, but always with the shadow of the fraud committed against me hanging over every decision of my life.

55. Despite everything, I rebuilt my life with what I had. I learned to communicate in English in the workplace, by listening to my employers and clients. Today, I work installing hardwood floors in the construction industry. I am hardworking, honest, and dedicated. I hope to one day take a course in electrical work to grow professionally.

56. I met Sophia, a Brazilian woman who came to the United States as a child and who is now a United States citizen, along with the rest of her family. We met at a party when I had been living in the United States for about two years. Our relationship started gradually, but on August 24, 2021, we became a couple. We have been together since.

57. Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues, our son, was born on August 8, 2024, at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Redwood City, San Mateo County, California, and is a United States citizen by birth. Arthur is two years old as of the time of this declaration. He is the reason I fight every day. He is the reason I want to be better, to be present, and to build something solid and worthy.

58. I know what it means to grow up without a father. I lived it. I know what it means to be a child and take on adult responsibilities because there was no one else to do it. I know the pain that a father's absence causes. And I do not want, in any way, my son to go through what I went through. I want to be present in Arthur's life, in Sophia's life, and to build for them the stability I never had.

59. Currently, we are living with Sophia's parents, who took us in when finances became tight after Arthur's birth and the period in which Sophia stepped away from work. Sophia works as a dental assistant and has returned to work approximately four months ago. We both contribute equally to maintaining the household and caring for our son. We are rebuilding, and I believe that soon we will have our own home.

60. My greatest fear is being deported and separated from my family. Sophia does not wish to and does not intend to live in Brazil. Her entire life and her family's life is in the United States. Her parents live here. Her career is here. She has made clear on multiple occasions that she will not move to Brazil. If I am removed, I fear my marriage will be destroyed, that I will lose my daily presence in my son's life, and that the unity of my family will collapse.

61. On June 17, 2025, I proposed to Sophia, and on March 21, 2026, we were married in a ceremony in San Mateo County, California. Sophia and I have been in a committed relationship since 2020, and our marriage is the natural continuation of the life we have built together with our son Arthur. Arthur is the center of my life, and my greatest motivation to resolve my immigration situation is to ensure that I can remain present for him and for Sophia. I want to provide for my family, to be a father to Arthur in a way that my own father was never present for me, and to build a stable, lawful future for us in the United States. My removal would separate me from my wife and my son, both of whom are United States citizens, and would deprive Arthur of the daily presence and care of his father.

62. I ask this Court to consider the circumstances of my entry into the United States. I was a minor, without education, without resources, and without understanding of the legal system. I was the victim of a human trafficking scheme in which adults exploited my

minor status, my family's financial vulnerability, and my lack of education to transport me across international borders with forged documents, without my knowledge of the illegal nature of what was being done. I had no control over the documents, and I received no legal guidance. I never personally received notice of any hearing before this Court.

63. The Notice to Appear and all related documents were served on Arilson Elias-Antunes, a man who was not my father and had no legal relationship to me or authority over me whatsoever. I had no knowledge of the date, time, or location of any hearing, and I was abandoned upon arrival at my destination, left without any means of learning what was expected of me. Had I known of the hearing, I would have appeared.

64. I did not know I was participating in fraud. I was a child who trusted adults who presented themselves as people willing to help, but who, in reality, used me for profit. I ask for the opportunity to have my case reevaluated based on the actual circumstances and to remain in the United States, where my family, my work, my life, and my son's future are.

65. Accordingly, I declare that everything I have reported is true. I did not choose the path by which I was taken. I was deceived, pressured, instrumentalized, and abandoned by people who exploited my age, my ignorance, and my family's vulnerability. But I chose to rebuild my life with dignity, and I ask to be given the opportunity to continue doing so.

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

/Signature/

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GLEIDSON SILVA-ANTUNES
Date: 09/29/2026

I, ANDRE PENNA MELLO, telephone number 415 425-2508, mailing address P.O. Box 90487, San Diego, CA 92169, certify that the professional translation of this document from Portuguese to English has been performed by myself, a qualified translator fluent in both languages, and that the following is an accurate and complete translation of the document.



_____ Date: September 29, 2026.

DEPARTAMENTO DE JUSTIÇA DOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
SECRETARIADO EXECUTIVO DE IMIGRAÇÃO
CORTE DE IMIGRAÇÃO

DECLARAÇÃO DE GLEIDSON SILVA ANTUNES
NÚMERO DE ALIEN 203-758-084
EM APOIO À MOTION TO REOPEN

Eu, Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva, declaro e, por meio desta, informo que:

1. Meu nome é Gleidson Rodrigues da Silva. Tenho 24 anos e nasci em 16 de setembro de 2001, na cidade de Buritis, no Estado de Rondônia, Brasil. O sobrenome "Silva-Antunes", conforme consta nos meus registros de imigração nos Estados Unidos, foi colocado em meus documentos sem que eu entendesse o que estava acontecendo, como parte de um esquema organizado por terceiros que facilitaram minha entrada nos Estados Unidos quando eu era menor de idade, aos dezessete anos.
2. Cresci em uma família humilde na cidade de Buritis, Rondônia, uma cidade pequena e tranquila do interior do Brasil. Morávamos no Setor 4, na Rua Jaru. Buritis é uma cidade com pouca criminalidade, tranquila, onde as pessoas se conhecem.
3. Minha mãe se separou do meu pai quando meu irmão e eu éramos muito pequenos. Não tenho lembranças dos meus pais juntos. Meu pai é o pai biológico apenas de mim e do meu segundo irmão. Depois da separação, ele veio nos visitar algumas vezes, mas nunca trazia nada e nunca ofereceu apoio financeiro ou emocional de forma consistente. Com o tempo, ele simplesmente desapareceu. Mudava-se para outras cidades e perdíamos o contato. Minha mãe não nos incentivava a procurá-lo. A ausência dele foi uma constante na minha vida.
4. Durante os primeiros anos, moramos com minha avó materna, que nos dava apoio e estabilidade. Minha avó faleceu quando eu tinha aproximadamente sete ou oito anos. A morte dela foi um momento decisivo na minha infância, porque, a partir daquele momento, minha mãe ficou completamente sozinha, assumindo tanto o papel de pai quanto o de mãe da família. Éramos cinco: eu, minha mãe e meus irmãos Alison Rodrigues da Silva, Kauane Cristina Fontes da Silva e Henrique Freitas da Silva.
5. Ao longo dos anos, minha mãe teve outros relacionamentos, mas nenhum durou muito tempo, geralmente dois ou três anos. Nenhum desses companheiros assumiu um papel de pai para nós. Eu, por ser o filho mais velho e, na maior parte do tempo, o único homem da casa, assumi desde muito cedo responsabilidades que não eram minhas. Eu cuidava dos meus irmãos e da casa enquanto minha mãe trabalhava. Eu era uma criança cuidando de outras crianças.

6. Minha mãe trabalhava produzindo e vendendo temperos e condimentos. O trabalho dela exigia que viajasse constantemente para fora da cidade para vender seus produtos em outros lugares. Ela ficava frequentemente ausente, às vezes por vários dias. Minha mãe tinha pouquíssima educação formal. Ela não concluiu o ensino fundamental, mas fazia tudo o que podia para garantir que não nos faltasse comida. Não passávamos fome, mas vivíamos com muitas limitações. Era uma luta diária.

7. Comecei a trabalhar quando tinha aproximadamente doze anos. Meu primeiro emprego foi em uma oficina de lanternagem, onde consertávamos carros que haviam sofrido acidentes. Quando eu tinha por volta de quatorze ou quinze anos, trabalhei em uma fábrica de carrocerias de caminhão, onde fazia a limpeza do local. Depois disso, trabalhei em uma casa agrícola, onde carregava sacos pesados de ração animal, milho, sal e outros produtos. Não me lembro da minha idade exata nessa época, mas foi pouco tempo depois de começar a trabalhar na fábrica de carrocerias. Era um trabalho fisicamente pesado para uma criança da minha idade.

8. Depois de trabalhar na casa agrícola, passei aproximadamente um ano ajudando minha mãe a produzir e embalar os temperos que ela vendia. Eu a ajudava para que ela não precisasse pagar outra pessoa para fazer esse trabalho. Aos dezesseis anos, consegui um emprego em uma vidraçaria, onde instalava portas, janelas e boxes de banheiro. Saí desse emprego quando tinha dezessete anos.

9. Frequentei a escola até o segundo ano do ensino médio. Eu já havia repetido um ano na oitava série. Aos dezessete anos, quando fui levado para os Estados Unidos, estava na metade do segundo ano e precisei abandonar a escola. Nunca concluí o ensino médio.

10. A situação financeira da minha família era muito difícil. Minha mãe, tentando manter a casa e sustentar quatro filhos, precisou pedir dinheiro emprestado. Quando não conseguiu pagar o valor no prazo, os credores começaram a pressioná-la e ameaçá-la. A questão foi parar na Justiça, e um juiz determinou que ela pagasse o valor em parcelas. Mesmo assim, os filhos do credor continuaram a assediar e intimidar minha mãe, que vivia com medo de que eles fizessem mal a ela ou a nós, seus filhos.

11. Essa era a situação da minha família quando começaram os planos para me levar aos Estados Unidos: uma mãe solteira, com pouca educação, endividada, sendo ameaçada, criando quatro filhos em uma cidade pequena, sem uma rede de apoio e sem alternativas aparentes. Eu era o filho mais velho e sentia o peso de tentar ajudar.

12. Dois dos meus tios já estavam planejando ir para os Estados Unidos. Um deles era meu tio Adriano, marido da irmã da minha mãe, que visitava nossa casa com frequência. Meu tio Adriano me contou que havia conhecido um homem que ajudava brasileiros a emigrar para os Estados Unidos. Pelo que eu entendia, esse homem trabalhava organizando viagens e ajudando pessoas que queriam uma vida melhor no exterior.

13. Durante uma de suas visitas, meu tio Adriano sugeriu à minha mãe: “Por que você não manda o Gleidson para os Estados Unidos?” Minha mãe recusou imediatamente. Ela disse que eu era muito jovem e que não poderia ir. Eu ainda não tinha dezoito anos. Ela não queria me mandar de jeito nenhum.

14. No entanto, o homem que meu tio havia mencionado não aceitou a recusa. Ele voltou pessoalmente à nossa casa, acompanhado do meu tio, em mais de uma ocasião. Ele ligava para minha mãe, insistia e pedia ao meu tio que conversasse novamente com ela. Ele apresentou a viagem para os Estados Unidos como uma oportunidade real e segura para nossa família. Disse à minha mãe que poderia me levar de forma organizada, sem riscos, e que eu teria apoio quando chegasse. Ele transmitia a impressão de que se tratava de um processo estruturado e legítimo. Inicialmente, sugeriu que minha mãe fosse comigo, mas ela recusou porque não poderia abandonar meus irmãos mais novos.

15. Minha mãe e eu não tínhamos conhecimento ou experiência com processos de imigração. Não sabíamos o que era um visto, como funcionava a entrada legal em outro país ou quão complexo poderia ser o direito imigratório. Para nós, aquele homem era um conhecido do meu tio que oferecia um serviço: ajudar pessoas a irem para os Estados Unidos.

16. Minha mãe, pressionada pela situação financeira, pelas dívidas, pelas ameaças dos credores e pela insistência daquele homem, acabou cedendo. Ela me chamou em casa, junto com meu padrasto na época, e perguntou se eu queria ir. Lembro que ela já estava chorando antes mesmo de eu responder. Ela perguntou: “Você acha que consegue viver longe da sua mãe?” Eu nunca havia vivido longe dela. Nunca tinha planejado deixar o Brasil. A ideia não partiu de mim.

17. Eu aceitei porque vi naquela possibilidade uma chance de ajudar minha mãe a sair das dívidas e das ameaças. Eu disse a ela: “Já que estamos vivendo assim, eu vou. Daqui a cinco anos eu volto, eu volto para casa.” Eu não fui para os Estados Unidos para ficar rico ou construir uma vida para mim. Eu fui porque minha mãe estava sufocada pela situação e, como filho mais velho, sentia a obrigação de tentar salvar minha família.

18. O homem explicou que cuidaria dos detalhes da minha viagem para os Estados Unidos. Minha mãe e eu entendemos que aquela era uma oportunidade para eu viajar para o exterior e buscar um futuro melhor. Naquela época, confiávamos no que ele nos dizia e não entendíamos que pudesse haver algo impróprio ou ilegal nos preparativos.

19. Minha família acreditava que eu estava recebendo uma oportunidade de melhorar minha vida e ajudar minha família no futuro. Naquele momento, não tínhamos motivos para acreditar que os preparativos envolvessem qualquer coisa ilegal.

20. O homem assumiu total responsabilidade por organizar a viagem. Disse à minha mãe que cuidaria de tudo: passagens, documentos e logística. Minha mãe disse que não sabia como lidar com essas coisas, e ele respondeu que ela não precisava se preocupar, pois resolveria tudo. Ele pediu cópias dos meus documentos, da minha carteira de identidade e da minha

certidão de nascimento, que minha mãe forneceu porque entendeu que faziam parte dos preparativos que ele estava organizando em nosso nome.

21. Alguns dias depois, ele apareceu em nossa casa com um documento que continha minha fotografia. Percebi que o sobrenome no documento não era o meu; estava escrito "Antunes" em vez de "Rodrigues". Ele pediu que eu assinasse. Naquele momento, não pensei muito a respeito. Eu confiava nele porque ele havia sido indicado pelo meu próprio tio e acreditava que estava cuidando dos preparativos corretamente. Não tinha motivo para pensar que havia algo errado com aquele documento, então o assinei.

22. Eu não sabia que o documento era falsificado ou que usar um sobrenome diferente poderia ter consequências jurídicas. Ninguém me explicou isso e, naquele momento, eu não entendia que havia algo errado com o documento. Eu simplesmente acreditava que fazia parte da documentação de que eu precisava para viajar.

23. Minha mãe também não entendia o que estava acontecendo. Ela tinha pouquíssima educação formal, nunca havia lidado com documentos internacionais e confiava inteiramente na palavra daquele homem, que havia sido apresentado a ela pelo próprio cunhado. Para ela, assim como para mim, tudo parecia estar sendo feito como parte de um processo normal e organizado.

24. Meus documentos originais permaneceram com minha mãe no Brasil. Eu levava minha carteira de identidade original para viagens domésticas dentro do Brasil. O passaporte e os demais documentos de viagem permaneceram inteiramente sob a responsabilidade do homem que organizou a viagem e das pessoas que ele designou. Eu não tive acesso ao passaporte em nenhum momento durante a viagem. Na minha percepção, isso parecia normal: ele estava cuidando de tudo, como havia prometido.

25. Saí de Buritis, Rondônia, de ônibus, acompanhado por um amigo da mesma cidade que também estava sendo levado nas mesmas condições. Minha mãe arrumou minhas coisas, comprou algumas roupas para mim e se despediu. Eu era um rapaz de dezessete anos saindo de casa pela primeira vez. Não houve nada naquela despedida que me fizesse suspeitar de que eu estava sendo envolvido em algo errado. Para mim, eu estava indo buscar uma vida melhor para ajudar minha família.

26. Viajamos para Goiânia, no Estado de Goiás, onde, seguindo instruções recebidas por telefone, encontramos as pessoas que nos acompanhariam durante a viagem. Fomos encaminhados para um hotel e, lá, conhecemos os homens que viajariam conosco. Foi naquele momento que conheci Arilson Elias-Antunes, o homem adulto que, conforme me disseram, viajaria comigo e se apresentaria como meu responsável.

27. Arilson Elias-Antunes era um completo desconhecido para mim. Eu nunca o tinha visto antes daquele dia. Lembro que, quando nos conhecemos, alguém chegou a fazer uma brincadeira sobre o fato de eu ser negro e ele ser branco. A situação era incomum, e lembro de ter me sentido desconfortável e sem saber exatamente o que estava

acontecendo. No entanto, eu tinha dezessete anos e estava cercado de adultos que me diziam o que fazer. Eu não sentia que estava em posição de questionar ou me opor às instruções deles, especialmente porque dependia deles para organizar minha viagem. Também tinha medo de dizer ou fazer algo que pudesse causar problemas.

28. A partir do momento em que conhecemos Arilson, os passaportes e os documentos de viagem permaneceram em sua posse. Ele mantinha tudo consigo o tempo todo. Eu não tive acesso ao meu próprio passaporte em nenhum momento. Eles organizaram tudo: as passagens aéreas, os traslados e os locais de partida. Meu amigo e eu simplesmente seguimos as instruções, como qualquer jovem seguiria a orientação de um adulto responsável por uma viagem.

29. Em todos os aeroportos e postos de controle pelos quais passamos, era Arilson quem apresentava os documentos e respondia às perguntas das autoridades. Ele era o adulto que me acompanhava e assumia a liderança durante toda a viagem. Eu tinha dezessete anos e nunca havia feito uma viagem internacional como aquela. Eu não sentia que poderia simplesmente interrompê-lo ou questionar o que ele dizia às autoridades. Eu dependia dele para me orientar durante o processo e também tinha medo do que poderia acontecer se eu o contradissesse ou causasse algum problema. Eu não sabia o que aconteceria comigo se fosse deixado para trás ou se a viagem fosse interrompida.

30. Eu não disse às autoridades que Arilson não era meu pai porque não sentia que estava em posição de contradizê-lo. Ele era o adulto responsável pela viagem, e eu entendia que deveria seguir suas instruções. Eu tinha receio de ser deixado sozinho em um lugar desconhecido ou de ser punido por interferir nos preparativos que haviam sido feitos para mim. Naquele momento, eu não compreendia as consequências do que estava acontecendo e não acreditava que tivesse autoridade ou condições de assumir o controle da situação por conta própria.

31. Em 12 de junho de 2019, entramos nos Estados Unidos pela região de El Paso, Texas. Eu tinha dezessete anos. Arilson Elias-Antunes se identificou como meu pai perante os agentes de fronteira. Ele apresentou os documentos de viagem. Os agentes registraram nossos dados e coletaram nossas impressões digitais. Lembro-me de ver outras famílias ali também, pais com seus filhos. Nada naquela situação me pareceu anormal.

32. Todos os meus documentos, incluindo o Notice to Appear (NTA), foram entregues a Arilson, e não a mim. As autoridades também falaram diretamente com ele, e falaram em espanhol, então eu não entendi o que estava acontecendo nem quaisquer instruções que foram dadas a nós. Arilson nunca me entregou nenhum dos documentos, e eu não tinha cópias deles. Só vi esses documentos pela primeira vez depois que meu advogado apresentou um pedido com base no Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) em meu nome.

33. O que aconteceu em seguida mudou completamente minha compreensão de tudo o que havia acontecido. Depois de sermos liberados na fronteira, Arilson Elias-Antunes se

aproximou de mim e do meu amigo e nos entregou os passaportes e os documentos de identidade. Ele disse, friamente, que, a partir daquele momento, estávamos por nossa conta. Disse que não continuaria conosco. Que sua função era apenas nos colocar dentro do país e que, dali em diante, não tinha mais nada a ver conosco.

34. Quando perguntei sobre a audiência que os agentes haviam mencionado, ele respondeu: “Essa questão do tribunal não tem nada a ver comigo. Eu não sou realmente seu pai. Não vou fazer mais nada disso.” Ele disse a mesma coisa ao meu amigo. Foi naquele momento, ao ouvir aquelas palavras, que comecei a entender que havia algo profundamente errado. O homem que havia viajado comigo, que havia se apresentado como meu pai perante as autoridades e que havia mantido meus documentos durante toda a viagem estava me dizendo que nada daquilo era real. E, depois de dizer isso, simplesmente virou as costas e foi embora.

35. Meu amigo e eu fomos abandonados, sozinhos, no posto de processamento imigratório próximo à fronteira. Eu tinha dezessete anos. Não falava inglês, nem sequer “hi” ou “bye”. Não tinha dinheiro. Não sabia para onde ir. Não conhecia ninguém naquele país. Eu estava com documentos que começava a entender que não eram o que eu imaginava. E não havia ninguém no mundo que pudesse me ajudar naquele momento. Foi a primeira vez na minha vida que senti um medo real de estar completamente sozinho.

36. Desesperado, consegui ligar para minha mãe no Brasil usando créditos telefônicos que havíamos comprado no México durante a viagem. Disse a ela que havíamos sido abandonados. Minha mãe, desesperada, ligou para o homem que havia organizado tudo. Por meio de seus contatos, ele conseguiu que alguém nos Estados Unidos fosse nos buscar perto da fronteira.

37. Foi assim que conheci Dani, uma mulher brasileira que vivia nos Estados Unidos havia muitos anos. Dani nos recebeu em sua casa e nos deu nosso primeiro abrigo e orientação. Quando meu amigo e eu contamos nossa história a ela — os documentos com nomes diferentes, o homem se passando por pai e o abandono — ela ficou chocada. Ela nos disse que o que haviam feito conosco era muito sério e que precisávamos ter cuidado dali em diante.

38. Foi naquele momento que comecei, pela primeira vez, a perceber que havia algo na minha situação diferente do que eu havia acreditado. Até aquele instante, eu pensava que tudo o que havia sido feito fazia parte de um processo legítimo para me ajudar a chegar aos Estados Unidos. Eu não sabia que o passaporte havia sido alterado. Não entendia o que significava ter assinado um documento com outro nome. Não entendia o que significava me apresentar como filho de um desconhecido.

39. Liguei para minha mãe e disse, com o coração pesado: “Mãe, esse passaporte me preocupa.” Também disse a ela: “Você não pode deixar isso acontecer com mais ninguém. Se eu tivesse tentado conseguir um visto de estudante, minha vida teria sido

completamente diferente." Naquele momento, senti medo, confusão e uma profunda sensação de ter sido usado. Eu era um adolescente que confiava nos adultos, e aqueles adultos me enganaram.

40. Eu não compareci à audiência no tribunal de imigração. Há várias razões para isso, e todas estão relacionadas ao fato de que eu era menor de idade, havia sido enganado e deixado sozinho. Primeiro, eu não sabia a data, o local ou o endereço do tribunal. Os documentos relacionados ao NTA foram entregues exclusivamente a Arilson Elias-Antunes, que constava como meu pai nos registros. Eu não guardei nenhuma cópia. E, como o NTA estava vinculado ao nome falso e ao endereço fornecido por Arilson, qualquer notificação posterior era direcionada a ele, e não a mim.

41. Segundo, eu acreditava que precisava comparecer à audiência acompanhado por Arilson, já que ele constava como meu pai nos registros de imigração. Quando ele me abandonou e disse que não tinha nada a ver com o tribunal, concluí que não havia como eu ir sozinho. Soube que um amigo que havia vindo em condições semelhantes, mas acompanhado de seu pai verdadeiro, compareceu à audiência com ele. Isso reforçou minha convicção de que eu precisava estar acompanhado. Nunca me ocorreu que eu poderia ou deveria comparecer sozinho.

42. Terceiro, eu era um adolescente de dezessete anos em um país estrangeiro, sem qualquer conhecimento do sistema jurídico americano, sem falar uma única palavra em inglês e sem qualquer orientação jurídica. Eu não tinha advogado, intérprete ou alguém que pudesse me explicar meus direitos ou obrigações.

43. Quarto, depois de compreender a gravidade da falsificação, desenvolvi um medo profundo. Pessoas da comunidade brasileira nos Estados Unidos me diziam que, se eu comparecesse ao tribunal, seria preso por causa dos documentos falsos. Diziam que eu seria mandado embora. Essas informações, embora hoje eu saiba que estavam erradas, me paralisaram. O medo de ser preso e deportado me impediu de procurar qualquer tipo de assistência jurídica ou comparecer a qualquer audiência. Vivi com esse medo constante durante anos.

44. Em 31 de janeiro de 2020, foi emitida contra mim uma ordem de remoção *in absentia* pelo Tribunal de Imigração de San Francisco, Califórnia, em nome de Gleidson Silva-Antunes, processo número A203-758-084. Eu não fui notificado dessa ordem. Não sabia que ela existia. Só tomei conhecimento dela anos depois, quando meus atuais advogados me informaram.

45. Primeiro, houve engano. O homem que organizou minha entrada nos Estados Unidos enganou a mim e à minha mãe. Ele se apresentou como alguém que oferecia uma oportunidade legítima. Transmitia confiança, segurança e seriedade. Prometeu que tudo seria feito de maneira organizada e segura. Em nenhum momento revelou que os documentos seriam falsificados, que eu seria registrado como filho de um desconhecido

ou que seria abandonado depois de entrar no país. Ele se aproveitou da nossa falta de conhecimento sobre processos de imigração e nos manteve sem saber o que realmente estava acontecendo.

46. Segundo, houve promessas que não foram cumpridas. Ele prometeu que alguém estaria me esperando, que eu teria apoio quando chegasse e que estaria seguro e protegido. A realidade foi exatamente o oposto: fui deixado em um aeroporto, sem saber para onde ir, sem conseguir falar o idioma, sem dinheiro e sem qualquer rede de apoio. Nenhuma das promessas que convenceram minha mãe a permitir que eu fosse foi cumprida.

47. Terceiro, eu me senti pressionado a viajar. A decisão não partiu de mim. O homem procurou minha mãe repetidamente, insistindo, indo até nossa casa e usando meu tio como intermediário. Ele se aproveitou da situação financeira desesperadora da minha família para nos convencer. Minha mãe, endividada e sofrendo ameaças dos credores, acabou cedendo à pressão. Eu, como filho dela, senti a obrigação de ir e ajudar. Não houve uma escolha livre e informada. Houve pressão, insistência e manipulação de pessoas vulneráveis.

48. Quarto, eu me senti usado por causa da minha condição de menor de idade. Hoje, olhando para trás, entendo que o homem explorou deliberadamente minha condição de menor. Ele sabia que a presença de uma criança acompanhada por um adulto registrado como seu "pai" levantaria menos suspeitas nas fronteiras. Minha condição de menor foi o instrumento que facilitou a entrada. Eu não participei conscientemente daquele esquema; fui usado para que o esquema fosse possível. Fui usado.

49. Mesmo depois de chegar aos Estados Unidos, eu não estava completamente livre da influência daquele homem. Quando meu amigo, que veio nas mesmas condições, decidiu não pagar o valor restante, fiquei com medo. Eu disse a ele: "Sua família mora lá. Se você não pagar, ele pode fazer alguma coisa com sua mãe ou seu pai." O homem sabia onde nossas famílias moravam no Brasil. A urgência que eu sentia para pagar não era por boa vontade; era medo de retaliação contra minha mãe e meus irmãos.

50. Trabalhei nos Estados Unidos para pagar o valor que minha mãe havia pegado emprestado e quitar o saldo restante devido pela viagem. Eu enviava o dinheiro para minha mãe no Brasil, e era ela quem lidava diretamente com o homem para pagar o empréstimo e quitar o saldo restante. Somente depois que tudo foi pago o contato dela com ele terminou. Desde então, nem eu nem minha mãe tivemos qualquer contato com aquele homem ou com Arilson Elias-Antunes.

51. Eu não escolhi falsificar meu nome. Não escolhi quem seria registrado como meu pai. Não tive controle sobre os documentos em nenhum momento. Não compreendia as consequências jurídicas do que estava sendo feito. E, quando cheguei ao destino, simplesmente fui deixado para trás.

52. Hoje, com a maturidade e a compreensão que adquiri, sei que o que foi feito estava errado. Ainda converso com minha mãe sobre isso e digo a ela: se eu tivesse naquela época a compreensão que tenho hoje, teria recusado. Se eu tivesse tentado obter um visto de estudante, minha vida teria sido completamente diferente. Mas, naquele momento, eu não tinha essa perspectiva. Eu era um rapaz que queria ajudar minha mãe e confiava nas pessoas que diziam que poderiam nos ajudar.

53. Os dados incorretos no meu passaporte prejudicaram profundamente minha vida nos Estados Unidos. Desde que cheguei, não consegui me matricular em nenhuma escola porque meu nome estava incorreto. Eu queria concluir o ensino médio. Precisava de apenas mais um ano para terminar. Mas, quando tentei corrigir meu nome, pessoas da comunidade me disseram que eu seria preso e deportado. Desisti. Vivi todos esses anos carregando um nome que não é meu, com vergonha e medo constantes.

54. Não estudei por causa do nome incorreto. Não procurei ajuda jurídica por medo de ser preso. Vivi durante anos em um limbo: trabalhando, contribuindo e tentando construir alguma coisa, mas sempre com a sombra da fraude cometida contra mim sobre cada decisão da minha vida.

55. Apesar de tudo, reconstruí minha vida com os recursos que tinha. Aprendi a me comunicar em inglês no trabalho, ouvindo meus empregadores e clientes. Hoje, trabalho com instalação de pisos de madeira na construção civil. Sou trabalhador, honesto e dedicado. Espero um dia fazer um curso de elétrica para crescer profissionalmente.

56. Conheci Sophia, uma brasileira que veio para os Estados Unidos ainda criança e que hoje é cidadã americana, assim como o restante de sua família. Nós nos conhecemos em uma festa quando eu já morava nos Estados Unidos havia aproximadamente dois anos. Nosso relacionamento começou aos poucos, mas, em 24 de agosto de 2021, começamos a namorar. Estamos juntos desde então.

57. Arthur Lehnen Rodrigues, nosso filho, nasceu em 8 de agosto de 2024, no Kaiser Foundation Hospital, em Redwood City, no Condado de San Mateo, Califórnia, e é cidadão americano por nascimento. Arthur tem dois anos de idade no momento desta declaração. Ele é a razão pela qual luto todos os dias. É a razão pela qual quero ser uma pessoa melhor, estar presente e construir algo sólido e digno.

58. Eu sei o que significa crescer sem um pai. Eu vivi isso. Sei o que significa ser uma criança e assumir responsabilidades de adulto porque não havia outra pessoa para fazê-lo. Conheço a dor que a ausência de um pai causa. E não quero, de forma alguma, que meu filho passe pelo que eu passei. Quero estar presente na vida de Arthur, na vida de Sophia, e construir para eles a estabilidade que eu nunca tive.

59. Atualmente, estamos morando com os pais de Sophia, que nos acolheram quando nossa situação financeira ficou difícil após o nascimento de Arthur e durante o período em que Sophia se afastou do trabalho. Sophia trabalha como assistente odontológica e voltou ao

trabalho há aproximadamente quatro meses. Nós dois contribuímos igualmente para a manutenção da casa e para os cuidados com nosso filho. Estamos reconstruindo nossa vida e acredito que em breve teremos nossa própria casa.

60. Meu maior medo é ser deportado e separado da minha família. Sophia não deseja e não pretende morar no Brasil. Toda a vida dela e de sua família está nos Estados Unidos. Os pais dela moram aqui. A carreira dela está aqui. Ela deixou claro em diversas ocasiões que não se mudará para o Brasil. Se eu for removido, temo que meu casamento seja destruído, que eu perca minha presença diária na vida do meu filho e que a unidade da minha família desmorone.

61. Em 17 de junho de 2025, pedi Sophia em casamento e, em 21 de março de 2026, nos casamos em uma cerimônia no Condado de San Mateo, Califórnia. Sophia e eu estamos em um relacionamento sério desde 2020, e nosso casamento é a continuação natural da vida que construímos juntos com nosso filho Arthur. Arthur é o centro da minha vida, e minha maior motivação para resolver minha situação imigratória é garantir que eu possa continuar presente para ele e para Sophia. Quero sustentar minha família, ser para Arthur o pai que meu próprio pai nunca foi para mim e construir um futuro estável e legal para nós nos Estados Unidos. Minha remoção nos separaria da minha esposa e do meu filho, ambos cidadãos americanos, e privaria Arthur da presença e dos cuidados diários de seu pai.

62. Peço a este Tribunal que considere as circunstâncias da minha entrada nos Estados Unidos. Eu era menor de idade, sem educação, sem recursos e sem conhecimento do sistema jurídico. Fui vítima de um esquema de tráfico de pessoas no qual adultos exploraram minha condição de menor, a vulnerabilidade financeira da minha família e minha falta de conhecimento para me transportar através de fronteiras internacionais usando documentos falsificados, sem que eu soubesse da natureza ilegal do que estava sendo feito. Eu não tinha controle sobre os documentos e não recebi qualquer orientação jurídica. Nunca recebi pessoalmente uma notificação de qualquer audiência perante este Tribunal.

63. O Notice to Appear e todos os documentos relacionados foram entregues a Arilson Elias-Antunes, um homem que não era meu pai e que não tinha qualquer relação jurídica comigo nem qualquer autoridade sobre mim. Eu não tinha conhecimento da data, horário ou local de qualquer audiência e fui abandonado assim que cheguei ao meu destino, sem qualquer meio de saber o que era esperado de mim. Se eu soubesse da audiência, teria comparecido.

64. Eu não sabia que estava participando de uma fraude. Eu era um adolescente que confiava em adultos que se apresentavam como pessoas dispostas a ajudar, mas que, na realidade, me usaram para obter lucro. Peço a oportunidade de ter meu caso reavaliado com base nas circunstâncias reais e de permanecer nos Estados Unidos, onde estão minha família, meu trabalho, minha vida e o futuro do meu filho.

65. Portanto, declaro que tudo o que relatei é verdadeiro. Eu não escolhi o caminho pelo qual fui levado. Fui enganado, pressionado, instrumentalizado e abandonado por pessoas que exploraram minha idade, minha falta de conhecimento e a vulnerabilidade da minha família. Mas escolhi reconstruir minha vida com dignidade e peço que me seja dada a oportunidade de continuar fazendo isso.

Eu declaro, sob pena de perjúrio, que o acima é verdadeiro.

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