1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 NO. 3:14-cv-05273-RJB ANDRES RAMIREZ-MARTINEZ, MANUEL 11 URIOSTEGUI, and ERICSON GONZALES. 12 DECLARATION OF SALVADOR A. MUNGIA Plaintiffs. 13 IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR STAY OF VS. PLAINTIFF GONZALES'S DEPORTATION 14 UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT; THOMAS S. 15 WINKOWSKI, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Immigration and 16 Customs Enforcement; UNITED STATES 17 **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY:** JEH JOHNSON, Secretary of Homeland 18 Security; NATHALIE R. ASHER, Director of the Seattle Field Office of U.S. Immigration and 19 Customs Enforcement. 20 Defendants. 21 22 I, Salvador A. Mungia, declare as follows: 23 1. I am one of the attorneys for Plaintiffs. I am over the age of 18, and am 24 competent to testify. 25 2. Exhibit A is a true copy of a Custody Order of Immigration Judge Theresa 26 Scala, dated August 29, 2013. Declaration of Salvador A. Mungia in Support of

Motion for Stay of Plaintiff Gonzales's Deportation - 1 of 2

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3	I hereby certify that on April 21, 2014, I electronically filed the foregoing Declaration
4	of Salvador A. Mungia in Support of Motion to Stay Plaintiff Gonzales's Deportation with the
5	Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the
6	following:
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18	Dated this 21st day of April, 2014.
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20	/s/ La Rond Baker
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EXHIBIT A

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW IMMIGRATION COURT 1623 EAST J STREET SUITE 3 TACOMA, WA 98421

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	Docket: TACOMA, WA
RESPON	DENT IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
	CUSTODY ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE
236 and 1	naving been made for a change in the custody status of the respondent pursuant to 8 C.F.R. Par naving considered the representations of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the nt, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:
. 18	No Action
	ORDERED No Jurisdiction
100	ORDERED that the request for a change in custody status be denied.
\ /	Bond to remain at _\$
X	ORDERED that the request be granted and that respondent be
	released from custody under bond of \$\int_0,000
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	THERESA SCALA
	Immigration Judge Date: August 29, 2013
Appeal:	WAIVED / RESERVED (A/I/B) Both
Appeal I	
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EXHIBIT B

From: Mungia, Sal [mailto:SMungia@gth-law.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 5:07 PM

To: La Rond Baker; Sarah Dunne; Margaret Chen; Melissa Lee; Nick Straley;

john.midgley@columbialegal.org; Andrea Schmitt

Subject: FW: Ramirez TRO

Regan: We are concerned that there are still additional detainees being confined in administrative segregation who are in a similar position as the current plaintiffs? Have all detainees who are similarly situated been released to the general population?

Sal

Salvador A. Mungia Attorney at Law T 253 620 6472 F 253 620 6565

From: Hildebrand, Regan (CIV) [mailto:Regan.Hildebrand@usdoj.gov]

Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 4:44 PM

To: andrea.schmitt@columbialegal.org; lbaker@aclu-wa.org; melissa.lee@columbialegal.org;

<u>nick.straley@columbialegal.org</u>; Mungia, Sal; <u>dunne@aclu-wa.org</u> **Cc:** Chan, Priscilla (USAWAW); Cohen, Rebecca (USAWAW)

Subject: Ramirez TRO

Good evening. ICE has informed both the U.S. Attorney's Office and my office the plaintiffs in the Ramirez TRO, which is set for hearing tomorrow at 9:30 AM PST, are no longer in administrative segregation. From our perspective, this seems to vitiate the need for a TRO as there is no longer an emergency and the plaintiffs' claim has become moot. I intend to be filing a motion to that effect. Alternatively, would you be willing to withdraw your motion?

Thanks.

Regan

Regan Hildebrand Senior Litigation Counsel United States Department of Justice Civil Division Office of Immigration Litigation District Court Section 450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001

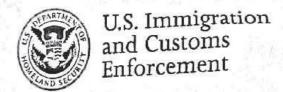
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security 1623 East J Street, Suite 2 Tacoma, Washington 98421



April 8, 2014

Lowell Clark Warden/GEO 1623 East J Street Tacoma, WA 98421

RE: Acceptance of Detainee Property

Dear Mr. Clark:

The following detainee will be removed to his country of citizenship in the near future. ICE/ERO therefore requests that the individual named below be allowed to deliver a single bag of the detainee's property. The bag cannot be bigger than a standard carry-on (16" wide x 25" long x 12" high) and not weigh more than 40 pounds. Please accept this correspondence to allow delivery of this due to his removal.

Detainee Name: GONZALEZ, Erikson

Alien Number:

Dorm Number: D-3

Person Bringing/Mailing Property:

Address of Person Dropping Property:

Phone Number of Person Bring/Mailing Property:

Delivery no sooner than: 04/08/14 No Later Than: 04/08/14

The detainee has been notified that property will only be accepted between 4:00 and 8:00 PM on the dates noted.

Sincerely.

M. Nelson DO

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EXHIBIT D



Salvador A. Mungia Direct: (253) 620-6472 E-mail: smungia@gth-law.com

April 8, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

James Yi Office of the Chief Counsel U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement U.S. Department of Homeland Security 1000 Second Ave, Suite 2900 Seattle, WA 98104 Email: James.Yi@ice.dhs.gov

Office of the Chief Counsel U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement U.S. Department of Homeland Security Northwest Detention Center 1623 East J Street, Suite 2 Tacoma, WA 98421

ACLU v. Immigration & Customs Enforcement RE:

Dear Mr. Yi:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Ericson Gonzales who as you know is one of the plaintiffs in the action filed last week arising from retaliatory conduct by ICE at the Northwest Detention Center, Ramirez-Martinez v. ICE, C14-5273RJB (W.D. Wash. April 3, 2014). Apparently, Mr. Gonzales has been informed by ICE personnel that he will be deported in the immediate future.

We are asking that ICE immediately intervene and prevent any planned deportation. Mr. Gonzales is exercising his right of access to the courts and needs to remain here in the Western District while the lawsuit is pending. Based on the attached memo, ICE has recognized that deportations should not occur under circumstances like those found here. It states that regarding "plaintiffs in non-frivolous lawsuits regarding civil rights or liberties violations" ICE officials and attorneys "should exercise all appropriate prosecutorial discretion to minimize any effect that immigration enforcement may have on the willingness and ability of victims, witnesses and plaintiffs to ... pursue justice". Memo of June 17, 2011 from John Morton, ICE Director (attached).

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I would appreciate ICE confirming that any planned deportation is being stopped. As time is of the essence, I would appreciate a response to this letter no later than tomorrow morning at 10:00. If I don't hear from you then you understand that we will be seeking a TRO before Judge Bryan as soon as possible. I can be reached at smungia@gth-law.com or 253-620-6472.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Salvador A. Mungia

Attorney for Mr. Gonzales

SAM:pq

cc: Raphael Sanchez, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Regan Hildebrand, U.S. Department of Justice Priscilla Chan, U.S. Department of Justice

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FEA Number: 306-112-002b

U.S. Department of Homeland Security 500 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20536

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

All Field Office Directors

All Special Agents in Charge

All Chief Counsel

FROM:

John Morton

Director

SUBJECT:

Prosecutorial Discretion: Certain Victims, Witnesses, and Plaintiffs

Purpose:

This memorandum sets forth agency policy regarding the exercise of prosecutorial discretion in removal cases involving the victims and witnesses of crime, including domestic violence, and individuals involved in non-frivolous efforts related to the protection of their civil rights and liberties. In these cases, ICE officers, special agents, and attorneys should exercise all appropriate prosecutorial discretion to minimize any effect that immigration enforcement may have on the willingness and ability of victims, witnesses, and plaintiffs to call police and pursue justice. This memorandum builds on prior guidance on the handling of cases involving T and U visas and the exercise of prosecutorial discretion.¹

Discussion:

Absent special circumstances or aggravating factors, it is against ICE policy to initiate removal proceedings against an individual known to be the immediate victim or witness to a crime. In practice, the vast majority of state and local law enforcement agencies do not generally arrest victims or witnesses of crime as part of an investigation. However, ICE regularly hears concerns that in some instances a state or local law enforcement officer may arrest and book multiple people at the scene of alleged domestic violence. In these cases, an arrested victim or witness of domestic violence may be booked and fingerprinted and, through the operation of the Secure

¹ For a thorough explanation of prosecutorial discretion, see the following: Memorandum from Peter S. Vincent, Principal Legal Advisor, Guidance Regarding U Nonimmigrant Status (U visa) Applicants in Removal Proceedings or with Final Orders of Deportation or Removal (Sept. 25, 2009); Memorandum from William J. Howard, Principal Legal Advisor, VAWA 2005 Amendments to Immigration and Nationality Act and 8 U.S.C. § 1367 (Feb. 1, 2007); Memorandum from Julie L. Myers, Assistant Secretary of ICE, Prosecutorial and Custody Discretion (Nov. 7, 2007); Memorandum from William J. Howard, Principal Legal Advisor, Prosecutorial Discretion (Oct. 24, 2005); Memorandum from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion (Nov. 17, 2000).

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Communities program or another ICE enforcement program, may come to the attention of ICE. Absent special circumstances, it is similarly against ICE policy to remove individuals in the midst of a legitimate effort to protect their civil rights or civil liberties.

To avoid deterring individuals from reporting crimes and from pursuing actions to protect their civil rights, ICE officers, special agents, and attorneys are reminded to exercise all appropriate discretion on a case-by-case basis when making detention and enforcement decisions in the cases of victims of crime, witnesses to crime, and individuals pursuing legitimate civil rights complaints. Particular attention should be paid to:

- victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, or other serious crimes;
- witnesses involved in pending criminal investigations or prosecutions;
- plaintiffs in non-frivolous lawsuits regarding civil rights or liberties violations; and
- individuals engaging in a protected activity related to civil or other rights (for example, union organizing or complaining to authorities about employment discrimination or housing conditions) who may be in a non-frivolous dispute with an employer, landlord, or contractor.

In deciding whether or not to exercise discretion, ICE officers, agents, and attorneys should consider all serious adverse factors. Those factors include national security concerns or evidence the alien has a serious criminal history, is involved in a serious crime, or poses a threat to public safety. Other adverse factors include evidence the alien is a human rights violator or has engaged in significant immigration fraud. In the absence of these or other serious adverse factors, exercising favorable discretion, such as release from detention and deferral or a stay of removal generally, will be appropriate. Discretion may also take different forms and extend to decisions to place or withdraw a detainer, to issue a Notice to Appear, to detain or release an alien, to grant a stay or deferral of removal, to seek termination of proceedings, or to join a motion to administratively close a case.

In addition to exercising prosecutorial discretion on a case-by-case basis in these scenarios, ICE officers, agents, and attorneys are reminded of the existing provisions of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA),² its subsequent reauthorization,³ and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).⁴ These provide several protections for the victims of crime and include specific provisions for victims of domestic violence, victims of certain other crimes,⁵ and victims of human trafficking.

Victims of domestic violence who are the child, parent, or current/former spouse of a U.S. citizen or permanent resident may be able to self-petition for permanent residency. A U nonimmigrant visa provides legal status for the victims of substantial mental or physical abuse as

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² Pub. L. No. 106-386, §§101-113, 114 Stat. 1464, 1466 (codified as amended in scattered sections of the U.S.C.).

³ William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-457, 122 Stat. 1464, 1491 (codified as amended in scattered sections of the U.S.C.).

⁴ Pub. L. No. 106-386, §§1001-1603, 114 Stat. 1464, 1491 (codified as amended in scattered sections of the U.S.C.).

⁵ For a list of the qualifying crimes, see INA §101(a)(15)(U)(iii).

⁶ See INA §101(a)(51).

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a result of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and other certain crimes. A T nonimmigrant visa provides legal status to victims of severe forms of trafficking who assist law enforcement in the investigation and/or prosecution of human trafficking cases. ICE has important existing guidance regarding the exercise of discretion in these cases that remains in effect. Please review it and apply as appropriate. 9

Please also be advised that a flag now exists in the Central Index System (CIS) to identify those victims of domestic violence, trafficking, or other crimes who already have filed for, or have been granted, victim-based immigration relief. These cases are reflected with a Class of Admission Code "384." When officers or agents see this flag, they are encouraged to contact the local ICE Office of Chief Counsel, especially in light of the confidentiality provisions set forth at 8 U.S.C. § 1367.

No Private Right of Action

These guidelines and priorities are not intended to, do not, and may not be relied upon to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party in any administrative, civil, or criminal matter.

⁷ See INA §101(a)(15)(U).

⁸ See INA §101(a)(15)(T).

⁹ See Memorandum from John P. Torres, Director, Office of Detention and Removal Operations and Marcy M. Forman, Director, Office of Investigations, Interim Guidance Relating to Officers Procedure Following Enactment of VAWA 2005 (Jan. 22, 2007).

EXHIBIT E

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April 9, 2014

Regan Hildebrand Senior Litigation Counsel United States Department of Justice Civil Division Office of Immigration Litigation **District Court Section** 405 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: Ramirez-Martinez v. ICE

Dear Regan:

This letter is a follow up to the letter that I sent yesterday afternoon that requested ICE stop any plans to deport Mr. Gonzales in the immediate future.

As you know, Mr. Gonzales is one of the plaintiffs in Ramirez-Martinez v. ICE, 3:14-cv-05273 (W.D. Wash.), which was filed because ICE officials retaliated against the plaintiffs for engaging in First Amendment protected activities. In the Complaint and Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Mr. Gonzales pointed out that ICE placed him in solitary confinement for his participation in a peaceful hunger strike. We have learned that, during the period of time leading up to and after the filing of Mr. Gonzales's lawsuit, ICE has used its discretion to expedite the deportation of Mr. Gonzales even though he has a pending U-Visa application that often is the basis for staying a final order of deportation.

The timing of ICE's actions and the speed with which it has taken affirmative steps to deport Mr. Gonzales strongly suggests that the decision to deport Mr. Gonzales at this time is directly related to his plea to the court to enjoin ICE from violating his First Amendment rights to engage in protected speech activities. Below is a summary of the actions that ICE has taken against Mr. Gonzales:

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- Monday, March 24, 2014 Mr. Gonzales and other detainees in the F-3 unit started a peaceful hunger strike to protest national immigration policies and conditions at the Northwest Immigration Detention Center ("NWDC").
- Thursday, March 27, 2014 Corrections Officers at the NWDC placed approximately 20 hunger striking detainees from the F-3 unit into solitary confinement after they showed interest in communicating their concerns to ICE/NWDC officials.
- Wednesday, April 2, 2014
 - o The lawsuit *Ramirez-Martinez v. ICE* was filed in the Western District of Washington because ICE was retaliating against peaceful hunger striking detainees in violation of the First Amendment. That same day Plaintiffs, including Mr. Gonzales, filed a Motion for a TRO asking to the court to enjoin ICE from keeping hunger striking detainees in solitary confinement.
 - ICE released the approximately 20 hunger striking detainees from the F-3 unit who were placed in solitary confinement with Mr. Gonzales on March 27, 2014.
 - o ICE hand delivered to Mr. Gonzales a letter, signed by the Deputy Field Director, Bryan Wilcox, denying Mr. Gonzales's Request for a Stay of Removal. To our knowledge hand-delivery of such notices is very unusual at NWDC.
- Thursday, April 3, 2014 Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss in *Ramirez-Martinez* supported by a declaration signed by Bryan Wilcox, Deputy Field Office Director, Seattle Field Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- Friday, April 4, 2014 At the hearing on Plaintiffs' TRO Judge Bryan affirmed that although the TRO motion was moot because ICE released Plaintiffs from solitary confinement the underlying retaliation claims were still alive.
- Tuesday, April 8, 2014 Mr. Gonzales received a visit from his Deportation Officer M. Nelson. During his visit, Officer Nelson gave Mr. Gonzales a same-day notice letter signed by M. Nelson informing Mr. Gonzales that he is to be "removed to his country of citizenship in the near future." See attached. The letter states that Mr. Gonzales's wife is to bring a bag with Mr. Gonzales's belongings to the facility on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm the day that Mr. Gonzales received the notice.

Mr. Gonzales's receipt of ICE's notice of its intent to deport him in the "near future," so soon after a series of retaliatory actions by ICE in response to his participation in First Amendment protected activities and the filing of a federal lawsuit seeking to vindicate Mr.

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Gonzales's First Amendment speech rights, suggests that ICE's actions to deport Mr. Gonzales are in retaliation for his filing of a federal lawsuit.

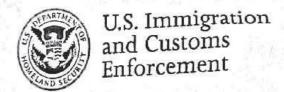
I look forward to discussing this matter with you in more detail today after your 10:00 a.m. conference call. I also thank you for your earlier confirmation that ICE will not deport Mr. Gonzales this morning.

Very truly yours,

Salvador A. Mungia

SAM:sam

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April 8, 2014

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