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Via Email: EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov

February 25, 2021

Office of the General Counsel
Attn: FOIA Service Center
Executive Office for Immigration Review
5107 Leesburg Pike, Ste. 1903
Fall's Church, VA 20530

Re: **VELARDE QUINONEZ, Jose Manuel**
A#: 201-549-166
DOB: [REDACTED] 971

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., Sec. 552, for all nonexempt information on behalf of my client, Jose Manuel Velarde Quiñonez. In support of this request, I am submitting executed Form DOJ-361.

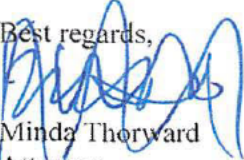
Accordingly, I am requesting a complete copy of his EOIR file.

a record of hearing

I am prepared to pay up to \$25.00 for processing fees. If my request does not provide you with sufficient information to locate and disclosed the requested information, please contact me at 206-607-7976 or by email at minda@thor.law. In the alternative, I request a meeting in order to cure any defects in this request, pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Sec. 5.3(b).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,


Minda Thorward
Attorney

U.S. Department of Justice

Certification of Identity

FORM APPROVED OMB NO.
1103-0016 EXPIRES 05/31/2020

Privacy Act Statement. In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

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Full Name of Requester ¹ VELARDE QUINONEZ, Jose ManuelCitizenship Status ² NoneSocial Security Number ³ NoneAH: 201-549-166Current Address Cabrera # 625 Colonia Chula Vista Heroica, Nogales, Sonora 84500 MexicoDate of Birth ██████ 1971Place of Birth Mexico**OPTIONAL: Authorization to Release Information to Another Person**

This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.

Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:

Minda A Thorward, Thorward Immigration Law PLLC**Print or Type Name**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Signature ⁴José Manuel Velarde Quinonez Date 04/10/2020

¹ Name of individual who is the subject of the record(s) sought.

² Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

³ Providing your social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide your social security number only to facilitate the identification of records relating to you. Without your social security number, the Department may be unable to locate any or all records pertaining to you.

⁴ Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.



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Resubmission: Velarde Quinonez

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To: EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov

Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 1:09 PM


Dear Officer, please process the attached request for:
VELARDE QUINONEZ, Jose Manuel
A#: 201-549-166
DOB: [REDACTED] 1971

Best regards,
~Minda

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Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 11:34 AM

To: minda@thor.law

Cc: thorwardlaw@gmail.com

Re: 2021-20607
Freedom of Information Act Request for VELARDE-QUINONEZ, JOSE MANUEL

Dear Minda A. Thorward,

This response acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated 03/02/2021 and received 03/02/2021. Your request has been assigned control number 2021-20607.

Please be advised that due to necessary operational changes as a result of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there may be significant delay in the processing of your request. If your request is for a Record of Proceeding (ROP), those records ordinarily reside in individual hard-copy Record of Proceeding files located in one of the 67 EOIR Immigration Courts or 15 Federal Records Centers long-term storage facilities geographically located throughout the United States or its territories. Currently, the Immigration Courts and the Federal Records Centers are operating at limited capacity with limited staff and/or are closed due to COVID-19. To check on current operating status for EOIR's Immigration Courts or NARA's Federal Records Centers, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/eoir-operational-status> and <https://www.archives.gov/frc/operating-status>.

If you have filed a fee waiver request, EOIR will address the fee waiver in a separate letter. Most requests for records of proceedings do not require any fees; however, if the fees for processing the request are estimated to exceed \$25.00, EOIR will notify you before processing the request to determine whether you will commit to paying the fee or whether you wish to narrow the scope of your request to reduce the fee. Fees may be charged for searching records at the rate of \$4.75 (administrative)/\$10.00 (professional) per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.05 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and charges must exceed \$25.00 before we will charge a fee.

The FOIA requires an agency to respond within 20 working days after receipt of the request, and EOIR endeavors to meet this standard. The FOIA permits a ten-day extension of this time period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B), based on unusual circumstances. Your request involves "unusual circumstances," and EOIR is extending the time period to respond by an additional 10 working days because your request requires the collection of records from field offices, or involves a search, collection, and review of voluminous records, or requires consultation with another agency or two or more agency components.

EOIR FOIA requests are placed in one of three tracks. Track one is for those requests that seek and receive expedited processing pursuant to subsection (a)(6)(E) of the FOIA. Track two is for simple requests that do not involve voluminous records or lengthy consultations with other entities. Track three is for complex requests that involve voluminous records and for which lengthy or numerous consultations are required, or those requests that may involve sensitive records. As a matter of default, your request has been placed in track two for simple requests. If you have requested expedited processing, EOIR will contact you in a separate letter.

If you have any questions regarding unusual circumstances, you may contact the EOIR FOIA Service Center or FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 605-1297 or EOIR.FOIArequests@usdoj.gov to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame to process your request, or for any further assistance regarding any aspect of your request. Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the

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National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, [Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001](#); e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

FOIA Intake