

[REDACTED]

April 7, 2023

ATTN: T VISA UNIT
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Vermont Service Center
38 River Road
Essex Junction, VT 05479-0001

Re: I-914 Application for T Nonimmigrant Status (A# [REDACTED])

Dear Sir or Madam:

[REDACTED] hereby requests T nonimmigrant status for pro bono client [REDACTED] as a bona fide victim of human trafficking as defined by federal anti-trafficking legislation.

As explained in her supporting Affidavit, Ms. [REDACTED]'s father arranged for her to be transported to the United States from the Dominican Republic when she was fourteen years old. Subsequently her father abused her and kicked her out of his home when she was around fifteen years old; she had to financially support herself. By age eighteen, [REDACTED] was living on the street. One cold night, [REDACTED] accepted an offer to stay at an older man's place, but instead of finding comfort there, the man raped her and then coerced her to have sex for money. After months of forced prostitution, [REDACTED] was able to escape, but unwittingly found herself in relationship with another abusive trafficker. After becoming pregnant with her second trafficker's baby, she found the courage to escape the second trafficker. Because of her child, who has a severe form of autism, she has worked hard to create a better life for herself, but she has struggled to overcome the trauma she experienced in her earlier years. She is still processing her victimization, while devoting herself to her son's special needs, and she is currently receiving trauma informed services from an anti-trafficking non-profit organization. The level of specialized support that [REDACTED] and her nine years old son need would not be available to them in the Dominican Republic, and she and her son would suffer extreme hardship if she were forced to go back.

Please find enclosed the following items that complete [REDACTED]'s application:

- Check in the amount of \$930.00 payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security in connection with Form I-192;
- A signed Form G-28 Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney for [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED];
- A signed Form I-914 Application for T Nonimmigrant Status and Addendum (Declaratoin of [REDACTED] Explaining Answers);
- Affidavit of [REDACTED] in Support of I-194 Application;

- A signed Form I-192 Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant;
- Declaration of [REDACTED] in Support of I-192 Application; and
- Additional supporting documentation as labeled in the accompanying Index of Forms and Exhibits:
 - Tab 1: Ms. [REDACTED]'s Birth Certificate with Certified English Translation
 - Tab 2: Birth Certificate of her son, [REDACTED]
 - Tab 3: Copy of Ms. [REDACTED]'s identification page in her current Dominican Republic passport
 - Tab 4: Copy of her son, [REDACTED] identification page in his U.S. Passport
 - Tab 5: OTDA Confirmation letter that shows that [REDACTED] meets the criteria for confirmation as a human trafficking victim in the state of New York, issued by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in consultation with the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), dated 9/12/2019
 - Tab 6: Letter of Support from Ms. [REDACTED]'s therapist, Ms. [REDACTED]
 - Tab 7: Letter of support from Ms. [REDACTED]'s case manager, Ms. [REDACTED]
 - Tab 8: Certificate of disposition from Bronx Criminal Court for October 11, 2009 arrest
 - Tab 9: Certificate of disposition from New York County Criminal Court for April 30, 2010 arrest
 - Tab 10: Certificate of disposition from Bronx Criminal Court for October 26, 2022 arrest
 - Tab 11: 2016, 2020, 2022 Domestic Incident Reports; Order of Protection
 - Tab 12: Decline to prosecute letter for January 16, 2020 arrest
 - Tab 13: [REDACTED]'s special needs diagnostic, December 31, 2015
 - Tab 14: [REDACTED]'s special education programming date 12/05/2022
 - Tab 15: Letter from the National Human Trafficking Hotline dated 3/21/2023
 - Tab 16: DOJ Reporting emails dated Feb. 24, 2023
 - Tab 17: 2022 U.S. State Department, Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report: Dominican Republic (available at <https://www.state.gov/reports/2022-trafficking-in-persons-report/dominican-republic/>) reporting a lack of skilled providers of services for survivors
 - Tab 18: Article describing dangers in Capatillo neighborhood where [REDACTED] is from: <https://dominantoday.com/dr/local/2022/08/25/hardships-described-in-different-neighborhoods-of-the-capital-city/>
 - Tab 19: Article describing hostile environment of Capatillo neighborhood where [REDACTED] is from: <https://dominantoday.com/dr/local/2022/03/01/capotillo-a-hot-neighborhood/>
 - Tab 20: Article describing Capatillo as "worst Barrio of Santo Domingo": <https://www.thegrowingdutchman.com/painting-light-in-el-capotillo/>

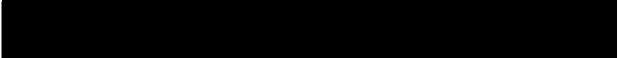
.Should you have any questions related to this application please contact me by telephone at (212) 497-7700, by email at [REDACTED] or by mail at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you for your consideration.

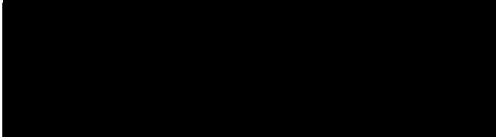


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Sincerely,



Professional Corporation





**Notice of Entry of Appearance
as Attorney or Accredited Representative**

Department of Homeland Security

**DHS
Form G-28**

OMB No. 1615-0105
Expires 05/31/2021

**Part 1. Information About Attorney or
Accredited Representative**

1. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

▶

Name of Attorney or Accredited Representative

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

Address of Attorney or Accredited Representative

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ St.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State

3.f. Province

3.g. Postal Code

3.h. Country

**Contact Information of Attorney or Accredited
Representative**

4. Daytime Telephone Number

5. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Email Address (if any)

7. Fax Number (if any)

**Part 2. Eligibility Information for Attorney or
Accredited Representative**

Select all applicable items.

1.a. ☒ I am an attorney eligible to practice law in, and a member in good standing of, the bar of the highest courts of the following states, possessions, territories, commonwealths, or the District of Columbia. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information.

Licensing Authority

1.b. Bar Number (if applicable)

1.c. I (select only one box) ☒ am not ☐ am subject to any order suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbaring, or otherwise restricting me in the practice of law. If you are subject to any orders, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information to provide an explanation.

1.d. Name of Law Firm or Organization (if applicable)

2.a. ☐ I am an accredited representative of the following qualified nonprofit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States and recognized by the Department of Justice in accordance with 8 CFR part 1292.

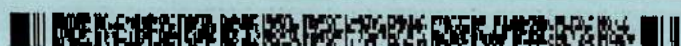
2.b. Name of Recognized Organization

2.c. Date of Accreditation (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. ☐ I am associated with , the attorney or accredited representative of record who previously filed Form G-28 in this case, and my appearance as an attorney or accredited representative for a limited purpose is at his or her request.

4.a. ☐ I am a law student or law graduate working under the direct supervision of the attorney or accredited representative of record on this form in accordance with the requirements in 8 CFR 292.1(a)(2).

4.b. Name of Law Student or Law Graduate



Part 3. Notice of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative

If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information.

This appearance relates to immigration matters before (select only one box):

- 1.a. ☒ U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- 1.b. List the form numbers or specific matter in which appearance is entered.
I-914 I-192
- 2.a. ☐ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- 2.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered.
- 3.a. ☐ U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
- 3.b. List the specific matter in which appearance is entered.
4. Receipt Number (if any)
5. I enter my appearance as an attorney or accredited representative at the request of the (select only one box):
☒ Applicant ☐ Petitioner ☐ Requestor
☐ Beneficiary/Derivative ☐ Respondent (ICE, CBP)

Information About Client (Applicant, Petitioner, Requestor, Beneficiary or Derivative, Respondent, or Authorized Signatory for an Entity)

- 6.a. Family Name (Last Name)
- 6.b. Given Name (First Name)
- 6.c. Middle Name
- 7.a. Name of Entity (if applicable)
- 7.b. Title of Authorized Signatory for Entity (if applicable)
8. Client's USCIS Online Account Number (if any)
9. Client's Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

Client's Contact Information

10. Daytime Telephone Number
11. Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
12. Email Address (if any)

Mailing Address of Client

NOTE: Provide the client's mailing address. Do not provide the business mailing address of the attorney or accredited representative unless it serves as the safe mailing address on the application or petition being filed with this Form G-28.

- 13.a. Street Number and Name Confidential
- 13.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.
- 13.c. City or Town New York City
- 13.d. State NY 13.e. ZIP Code
- 13.f. Province
- 13.g. Postal Code
- 13.h. Country USA

Part 4. Client's Consent to Representation and Signature

Consent to Representation and Release of Information

I have requested the representation of and consented to being represented by the attorney or accredited representative named in Part 1. of this form. According to the Privacy Act of 1974 and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy, I also consent to the disclosure to the named attorney or accredited representative of any records pertaining to me that appear in any system of records of USCIS, ICE, or CBP.

Part 4. Client's Consent to Representation and Signature (continued)

Options Regarding Receipt of USCIS Notices and Documents

USCIS will send notices to both a represented party (the client) and his, her, or its attorney or accredited representative either through mail or electronic delivery. USCIS will send all secure identity documents and Travel Documents to the client's U.S. mailing address.

If you want to have notices and/or secure identity documents sent to your attorney or accredited representative of record rather than to you, please select **all applicable** items below. You may change these elections through written notice to USCIS.

- 1.a. ☒ I request that USCIS send original notices on an application or petition to the business address of my attorney or accredited representative as listed in this form.
- 1.b. ☒ I request that USCIS send any secure identity document (Permanent Resident Card, Employment Authorization Document, or Travel Document) that I receive to the U.S. business address of my attorney or accredited representative (or to a designated military or diplomatic address in a foreign country (if permitted)).

NOTE: If your notice contains Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record, USCIS will send the notice to the U.S. business address of your attorney or accredited representative. If you would rather have your Form I-94 sent directly to you, select **Item Number 1.c.**

- 1.c. ☐ I request that USCIS send my notice containing Form I-94 to me at my U.S. mailing address.

Signature of Client or Authorized Signatory for an Entity

2.a. Signature of Client or Authorized Signatory for an Entity



2.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/29/2023

Part 5. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

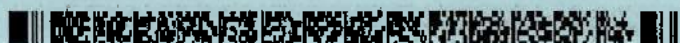
I have read and understand the regulations and conditions contained in 8 CFR 103.2 and 292 governing appearances and representation before DHS. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the information I have provided on this form is true and correct.

1. a. Signature of Attorney or Accredited Representative

1.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 04/07/2023

2.a. Signature of Law Student or Law Graduate

2.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)



Part 6. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this form, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this form or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a. Family Name
(Last Name)

1.b. Given Name
(First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2.a. Page Number 2.b. Part Number 2.c. Item Number

2.d.

3.a. Page Number 3.b. Part Number 3.c. Item Number

3.d.

4.a. Page Number 4.b. Part Number 4.c. Item Number

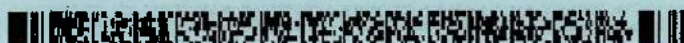
4.d.

5.a. Page Number 5.b. Part Number 5.c. Item Number

5.d.

6.a. Page Number 6.b. Part Number 6.c. Item Number

6.d.





Application for T Nonimmigrant Status

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-914
OMB No. 1615-0099
Expires 12/31/2023

START HERE - Type or print in ink.

Part 1. Purpose for Filing This Application

Select all applicable boxes.

1. A. ☒ I am filing for T-1 nonimmigrant status and have not previously filed for such status.
- B. ☐ I am filing for T-1 nonimmigrant status and have previously filed for such status. (Provide receipt number below.)

(I) Receipt Number EAC

Part 2. General Information About You (Person filing this application as a victim)

1. Your Full Legal Name

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if any)

2. Other Names Used

Provide any other names you have used since birth, including aliases, maiden names, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 9. Additional Information.

Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name (if any)

3. Physical Address

(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

Street Number and Name

CONFIDENTIAL

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☐

City or Town

New York

State

NY

ZIP Code

4. Safe Mailing Address

If you do not want U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to send notices about this application to your home address, you may provide an alternate safe mailing address.

In Care Of Name

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

For USCIS Use Only

Returned

Date

Date

Resubmitted

Date

Date

Reloc Sent

Date

Date

Reloc Rec'd

Date

Date

Receipt

Validity Dates

From:

To:

Remarks

Conditional Approval

Stamp #

Date

Action Block

To be fully completed by an attorney or accredited representative, if any.

☒ Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.

Attorney State License Bar Number

Attorney or Accredited Representative
USCIS Online Account Number

Part 2. General Information About You (Person filing this application as a victim) (continued)

5. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)
▶ A- [REDACTED]
6. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)
▶ [REDACTED]
7. U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) (if any)
▶ [REDACTED]
8. Gender
☐ Male ☒ Female
9. Marital Status
☒ Single/Never Married ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed
10. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
[REDACTED]
11. Place of Birth
City or Town: Santo Domingo
State or Province: Santo Domingo
Country: Dominican Republic
12. Country of Citizenship or Nationality
Dominican Republic
13. Passport or Travel Document Number (if any)
[REDACTED]
14. Country That Issued Your Passport or Travel Document (if any)
Dominican Republic
15. Issue Date for Passport or Travel Document (if any)
(mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]
16. Expiration Date for Passport or Travel Document (if any)
(mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]
17. Place of Your Last Entry Into the United States
City or Town: Unknown
State: TX
18. Date of Your Last Entry Into the United States, On or About
(mm/dd/yyyy) [Approx. November 2002]
19. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)
▶ [REDACTED]
20. Your Current Nonimmigrant Status
EWI - ENTRY WITHOUT INSPECTION

Part 3. Additional Information About Your Application

Answers to the following questions about your claim require explanation and supporting documentation. You should attach documents in support of your claim that you are a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim. **You must attach a personal narrative statement addressing the eligibility requirements for T nonimmigrant status as listed in the regulations, including a description of the trafficking you experienced.** If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**

1. I am or have been a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons.
(Attach evidence to support your claim.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. A. I have cooperated with reasonable requests for assistance from law enforcement. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. Due to my age or the trauma I have suffered, I am exempt from the requirement to cooperate with reasonable requests for assistance from law enforcement. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 3. Additional Information About Your Application (continued)

3. I am physically present in the United States, American Samoa, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry, on account of trafficking, or have been allowed entry into the United States to participate in investigative or judicial processes associated with an act or perpetrator of trafficking. (If you selected "Yes," explain in detail and attach evidence and documents supporting this claim.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. I fear that I will suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm upon removal. (If you selected "Yes," explain in detail and attach evidence and documents supporting this claim.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. I have reported the trafficking crime of which I am claiming to be a victim. (If you selected "Yes," indicate to which law enforcement agency and office you have made the report, the address and phone number of that office, and the case number assigned, if any. If you selected "No," explain the circumstances.) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Law Enforcement Agency and Office See Part 11 for additional information

Street Number and Name

198 E 161 St - Bronx District Attorney Office

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☐

City or Town

Bronx

State

NY

ZIP Code

10451

Daytime Telephone Number

(347) 723-1756

Case Number

Circumstances

On 03/16/23 I reported my traffickers to the National Human Trafficking Hotline and provided consent to release my report to law enforcement agencies. On 3/20/23 the NHTH shared my report with federal and state L.E.As. On 3/22/23, through my attorney, I provided details of my trafficking victimization to Bronx A.D.A. Joseph Russo.

6. I am under 18 years of age. (If you selected "Yes," skip to Item Number 8.) ☐ Yes ☒ No
7. I have complied with reasonable requests from Federal, state, local, or tribal law enforcement authorities for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of acts of trafficking, or am unable to cooperate with such requests due to physical or psychological trauma. (If you selected "No," explain the circumstances.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. This is the first time I have entered the United States. (If you selected "No," list each date, place of entry, and under which status you entered the United States for the past five years, and explain the circumstances of your most recent arrival.) If you need extra space, use the space provided in Part 9. Additional Information. ☒ Yes ☐ No

(1) Date of Entry (mm/dd/yyyy) Approx. November 2002

(2) Place of Entry

City or Town

Unknown

State

TX

(3) Status

Entry without inspection

9. My most recent entry was on account of the trafficking that forms the basis for my claim. (Explain the circumstances of your most recent arrival.) ☐ Yes ☒ No see attached I-914 explanatory affidavit (addendum)
10. I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD). ☒ Yes ☐ No
11. I am now applying for one or more eligible family members. (If you selected "Yes," complete and include a Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Immediate Family Member of T-1 Recipient, for each family member for whom you are now applying. You may also apply to bring eligible family members to the United States at a later date.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 4. Processing Information

Answer the following questions about yourself. Responses are intended to cover any activity you have committed under your legal name or any aliases. For purposes of this application, you must answer "Yes" to the following questions, even if your records were sealed or otherwise cleared or if anyone, including a judge, law enforcement officer, or attorney, told you that you no longer have a record. (If your answer is "Yes" to any one of these questions, explain in the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**. Additionally, explain if any of the acts or circumstances below are related to you having been a victim of a severe form of trafficking. Answering "Yes" does not necessarily mean that you will be denied T nonimmigrant status or are not entitled to adjust your status or register for permanent residence.)

1. Have you **EVER**:

- A. Committed a crime or offense for which you have not been arrested? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Been arrested, cited, or detained by any law enforcement officer (including Department of Homeland Security (DHS), former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and military officers) for any reason? ☒ Yes ☐ No
See attached I-914 addendum
- C. Been charged with committing any crime or offense? See attached I-914 addendum ☒ Yes ☐ No
- D. Been convicted of a crime or offense (even if violation was subsequently expunged or pardoned)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
See attached I-914 addendum
- E. Been placed in an alternative sentencing or a rehabilitative program (for example: diversion, deferred prosecution, withheld adjudication, deferred adjudication)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
See attached I-914
- F. Received a suspended sentence, been placed on probation, or been paroled? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- G. Been in jail or prison? See attached I-914 addendum ☒ Yes ☐ No
- H. Been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation, or other act of clemency or similar action? ☒ Yes ☐ No
See attached I-914 addendum
- I. Exercised diplomatic immunity to avoid prosecution for a criminal offense in the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, complete the following table. If you need extra space, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.

Why were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged?	Date of arrest, citation, detention, charge (mm/dd/yyyy)	Where were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged? (City or Town, State, Country)	Outcome or disposition (for example, no charges filed, charges dismissed, jail, probation, etc.)
See attached addendum			

2. Have you:

- A. Engaged in prostitution or procurement of prostitution or do you intend to engage in prostitution or procurement of prostitution? ☒ Yes ☐ No
See attached I-914 addendum
- B. **EVER** engaged in any unlawful commercialized vice, including, but not limited to illegal gambling? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. **EVER** knowingly encouraged, induced, assisted, abetted, or aided any alien to try to enter the United States illegally? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. **EVER** illicitly trafficked in any controlled substance, or knowingly assisted, abetted, or colluded in the illicit trafficking of any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 4. Processing Information (continued)

3. Have you **EVER** committed, planned or prepared, participated in, threatened to, attempted to, or conspired to commit, gathered information for, or solicited funds for any of the following:
- A. Hijacking or sabotage of any conveyance (including an aircraft, vessel, or vehicle)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - B. Seizing or detaining, and threatening to kill, injure, or continue to detain, another individual in order to compel a third person (including a governmental organization) to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the individual seized or detained? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - C. Assassination? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - D. The use of any firearm with intent to endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individual or to cause substantial damage to property? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - E. The use of any biological agent; chemical agent; or nuclear weapon or device; explosive; or other weapon or dangerous device, with intent to endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individuals or to cause substantial damage to property? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Have you **EVER** been a member of, solicited money or members for, provided support for, attended military training (as defined in section 2339D(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code) by or on behalf of, or been associated with an organization that is:
- A. Designated as a terrorist organization under the Immigration and Nationality Act section 219? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - B. Any other group of two or more individuals, whether organized or not, which has engaged in or has a subgroup which has engaged in:
 - (1) Hijacking or sabotage of any conveyance (including an aircraft, vessel, or vehicle)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (2) Seizing or detaining, and threatening to kill, injure, or continue to detain another individual in order to compel a third person (including a governmental organization) to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the individual seized or detained? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (3) Assassination? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (4) The use of any firearm with intent to endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individual or to cause substantial damage to property? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (5) Soliciting money or members or otherwise providing material support to a terrorist organization? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (6) The use of any biological agent; chemical agent; or nuclear weapon or device; explosive, or other weapon or dangerous device, with intent to endanger, directly or indirectly, the safety of one or more individuals or to cause substantial damage to property? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Do you intend to engage in the United States in:
- A. Espionage? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - B. Any unlawful activity, or any activity the purpose of which is in opposition, to control, or overthrow of the government of the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - C. Solely, principally, or incidentally in any activity related to espionage or sabotage or to violate any law involving the export of goods, technology, or sensitive information? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Have you ever been or do you continue to be a member of the Communist or other totalitarian party, except when membership was involuntary? ☐ Yes ☒ No
7. Have you, during the period of March 23, 1933, to May 8, 1945, in association with either the Nazi Government of Germany or any organization or government associated or allied with the Nazi Government of Germany, ever ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 4. Processing Information (continued)

8. Have you **EVER** been present or nearby when any person was:
- A. Intentionally killed, tortured, beaten, or injured? See attached I-914 addendum ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. Displaced or moved from his or her residence by force, compulsion, or duress? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. In any way compelled or forced to engage in any kind of sexual contact or relations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
9. A. Are removal, exclusion, rescission, or deportation proceedings pending against you? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Have removal, exclusion, rescission, or deportation proceedings **EVER** been initiated against you? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Have you **EVER** been removed, excluded, or deported from the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. Have you **EVER** been ordered to be removed, excluded, or deported from the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Have you **EVER** been denied a visa or denied admission to the United States? (If a visa was denied, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information.**) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- F. Have you **EVER** been granted voluntary departure by an immigration officer or an immigration judge and failed to depart within the allotted time? ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:
- A. Acts involving torture or genocide? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Killing any person? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Intentionally and severely injuring any person? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- D. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who was being forced or threatened? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- E. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs? ☐ Yes ☒ No
11. Have you **EVER**:
- A. Served in, been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, militia, or insurgent organization? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Served in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons? ☐ Yes ☒ No
12. Have you **EVER** been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any group, unit, or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so? ☐ Yes ☒ No
13. Have you **EVER** assisted or participated in selling or providing weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person, or in transporting weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person? ☐ Yes ☒ No
14. Have you **EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training? ☐ Yes ☒ No
15. Are you under a final order or civil penalty for violating section 274C (producing and/or using false documentation to unlawfully satisfy a requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
16. Have you **EVER**, by fraud or willful misrepresentation of a material fact, sought to procure, or procured, a visa or other documentation, for entry into the United States or any immigration benefit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
17. Have you **EVER** left the United States to avoid being drafted into the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☒ No
18. Have you **EVER** detained, retained, or withheld the custody of a child, having a lawful claim to U.S. citizenship, outside the United States from a U.S. citizen granted custody? ☐ Yes ☒ No
19. Do you plan to practice polygamy in the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No
20. Have you entered the United States as a stowaway? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 4. Processing Information (continued)

21. A. Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- B. Do you have or have you had a physical or mental disorder and behavior (or a history of behavior that is likely to recur) associated with the disorder which has posed or may pose a threat to the property, safety, or welfare of yourself or others? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- C. Are you now or have you been a drug abuser or drug addict? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Part 5. Information About Your Family Members

Provide the following information about your spouse and all of your children, if applicable. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 9. Additional Information**.

1. Your Spouse's Legal Name

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if any)
NA		

2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	3. Country of Birth

4. Current Location

City or Town of Residence	Country of Residence

5. Information About Your Children

A. Child 1

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if any)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth	Relationship
	USA	Son

Current Location

City or Town	State	Country
New York	NY	USA

B. Child 2

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if any)

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth	Relationship

Current Location

City or Town	State	Country

Part 5. Information About Your Family Members (continued)

C. Child 3

Family Name (Last Name)	Given Name (First Name)	Middle Name (if any)
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Current Location		
City or Town	State	Country
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Complete Form I-914, Supplement A, Application for Family Member of T-1 Recipient, for each family member listed above for whom you are now applying for derivative T nonimmigrant status, and attach it to this application.

Part 6. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-914 Instructions before completing this section.

Applicant's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item A.** or **B.** in **Item Number 1.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

1. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Interpreter

- A. ☐ I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- B. ☒ The interpreter named in **Part 7.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.

2. Applicant's Statement Regarding the Preparer

- ☒ At my request, the preparer named in **Part 8.**, , prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Applicant's Contact Information

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number

4. Applicant's Safe Daytime Telephone Number

5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

Part 6. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Applicant's Declaration and Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I authorize the release of any information from my record that USCIS needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking to investigate my claim, and to investigate fraudulent claims. I further authorize USCIS to release information to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors investigating crimes of trafficking or related crimes. I further authorize USCIS to release information to Federal, State, and local public and private agencies providing benefits, to be used solely in making determinations of eligibility for benefits pursuant to 8 USC 1641(c).

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that USCIS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, if I am required to provide biometrics, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1) I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
- 2) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my application and any document submitted with it were provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Applicant's Signature

6. Applicant's Signature _____ Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) _____



NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (if any)

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name) _____ Interpreter's Given Name (First Name) _____

2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Sanctuary for Families

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name _____

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

☐ ☐ ☒

8th

City or Town

New York

State

NY

ZIP Code

10005

Province

Postal Code

Country

Part 7. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (if any) (continued)

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

[Redacted]

5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

[Redacted]

6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

[Redacted]

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and Spanish, which is the same language specified in **Part 6., Item B.** in **Item Number 1.**, and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter's Signature

7. Interpreter's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

[Redacted]

Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

Provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

[Redacted]

Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

[Redacted]

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

[Redacted]

Preparer's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

[Redacted]

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

[Redacted]

Province

Postal Code

Country

[Redacted]

Part 8. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant (continued)

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

[Redacted]

5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

[Redacted]

6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

[Redacted]

Preparer's Statement

7. A. ☐ I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.

B. ☒ I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case
☒ extends ☐ does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited representative, you may be obliged to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, with this application.

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

[Redacted Signature]

Part 9. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers.

1. Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name
[Redacted] [Redacted]

2. A-Number ▶ A- [Redacted]

3. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number
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D. Last Name: [Redacted] First Name: [Redacted]
Last Name: [Redacted] First Name: [Redacted]

4. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number
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D. I am submitting a copy of a letter from the National Human Trafficking Hotline, dated 3/21/2023, confirming the law enforcement agencies to which they sent my report.

5. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

D.

6. A. Page Number B. Part Number C. Item Number
[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]

D.

**United States Department of Homeland Security
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services**

ADDENDUM TO FORM I-914

Declaration explaining answers to
questions on Application for T
Nonimmigrant Status on Form I-914

Declaration of



I, [REDACTED] pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is [REDACTED]. I was born on [REDACTED] in the neighborhood of Capotillo, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I am submitting this declaration in connection with my Application for T Nonimmigrant Status on Form I-914. I am applying for T Nonimmigrant Status because I am a victim of severe forms of trafficking. I am submitting this declaration to explain certain answers I gave on Form I-914.
2. With respect to Part 3. "Additional Information about Your Application", question 9. I answered "No" as to whether my most recent entry was on account of the trafficking that forms the basis of my claim.

Following my father's directions and arrangements, I entered the U.S. sometime in 2002, as a fourteen-year-old and have not left the country since. I met my first trafficker a few years later, when I was 20 years old.

3. With respect to Part 4. "Processing Information", question 1.B through 1.E, and questions 1.G. and 1. H. I answered "Yes" as to whether I have been arrested, cited, charged or detained by any law enforcement officer for any reason.
 - 3.1 On October 11, 2009, I was arrested for falsely reporting an incident to law enforcement. At the time, I was under the control of my second trafficker, [REDACTED] "RZ"). RZ had rescued me from my former trafficker and promised me safety and love. Unfortunately, RZ did not keep his promises. Instead, he began to exploit me himself and beat me when I refused to do as he ordered. The night of [REDACTED] 2009, RZ brutally beat me, with such rage that I was genuinely scared that he would beat me to death. RZ often hit me, but this time, it was so vicious that I gathered up the courage to call the police. When the police arrived, RZ forced me to tell the officers that I had given a false report over the phone. RZ threatened to beat me further if I didn't do as he instructed. RZ was still in the apartment with me when the police came to take my statement, and I was terrified of RZ, so I did as he demanded. As a result, I was arrested for giving a false report. I was booked in jail overnight. In court, I pled guilty to a disorderly conduct misdemeanor, and I received a conditional discharge of one year.

I complied with the conditions and I ultimately was discharged. I am very sorry that I said the call was false. I wish I had told the officers the truth and gotten the help I desperately needed to get away from RZ.

3.2 On [REDACTED] 2010, I was arrested for assault in the second degree. At the time, I was still living with the abuse and exploitation of my trafficker RZ, who would pressure me to bring money home and beat me if I did not bring home enough money. I was so scared that RZ would force me back to prostitution, so I knew I needed to find a job that paid better than the factory because it was not enough for RZ. In April 2010, I enrolled in nail technician classes with the hope to gain the skills to find a better paying job. Showing up at class after long nights of abuse at the hands of RZ was hard in and of itself, but the bullying I experienced in class pushed me to my limits. One of my classmates was especially vicious and regularly bullied me – often calling me names and using racial slurs, like “negro”, to refer to me. On [REDACTED] 2010, I was at the nail technician class and broke under the pressure, snapping at the classmate who bullied me. That evening my classmate’s verbal bullying turned to physical violence when she began throwing nail polish bottles at me, which is when I snapped. In response, I also threw a nail polish bottle at her, and admittedly, I was in the wrong when I escalated the situation by hitting her. Someone called the police to intervene and I was booked in jail overnight. On [REDACTED] 2011, I plead guilty to disorderly conduct (violation), and I received a conditional discharge. The condition for discharge was to take an anger management course, which I successfully completed. On [REDACTED] 2012, the case was sealed upon non-criminal conviction. Now looking back on this situation, I am very sorry for my behavior that day. I was living in fear and frustration, and I did not have the tools to handle the chaos in my life. I learned important lessons in the anger management course, and since then I have worked hard on controlling my emotions and deescalating situations that can trigger me.

3.3 On [REDACTED] 2020, I was arrested because of false rape allegations that a neighbor made against me. At that time, I had finally reached some stability and had moved into my own apartment with my then seven-year-old son, after years living in shelters. One of my neighbors asked me to babysit and shortly afterwards, without any warning or provocation, she called the police with false rape allegations. I was arrested on this false claim on [REDACTED] 2020, but the next day the DA’s office dismissed the charges because they were unfounded. I received a decline to prosecute letter the next day, on [REDACTED] 2020, which I am including with this application. The DA’s office dismissed the charges the next day prior to arraignment and the record was sealed. I decided to move out in order to avoid any further interactions with my neighbor.

3.4 On [REDACTED] 2022, I was arrested on charges of criminal mischief, resisting arrest, possession of a weapon, and disorderly conduct. That night, I came home and I was not able to open the door of my apartment. A young boy next door took pity on me and offered his hammer as a tool to help me get in. I tried using the hammer to open the door, but it did not work and I became extremely nervous and agitated. My trafficker, RZ, remains in my life because we have a child in common. I don’t have family or friends where I could spend the night, so the only place I could turn to was RZ’s apartment where my son was spending the night because of the custody agreement. The idea of having to ask RZ for help and to have to stay at his place made me relive

memories of him exploiting me, taking my money, and beating me when I refused. When I could not open the door to my apartment with the hammer, I gave up and walked over to the management office to ask for help. Yet when I tried to explain my situation to the management people, they actively ignored me. They made me feel like I was crazy and they ghosted me. The desperation and fear of not being able to enter my own home and having only my trafficker's residence to count on for shelter that night triggered something inside me – I believe it was trauma from the time that I lived with RZ and was subjected to his exploitation. I felt helpless, became even more agitated and jumpy, and was unable to think properly. My fear and panic turned into anger, I picked up the hammer that I was still holding and banged it against the wall to get the management office's attention. Within minutes, police officers that had been outside of the management office, rushed in and arrested me. I started hyperventilating and struggled to breathe, so the police took me to the hospital. On [REDACTED] 2022, I was convicted of Disorderly Conduct with Conditional Discharge, and I was mandated to attend two therapy sessions, which I have since completed. I am deeply sorry that I lost my temper, and I am doing everything in my power to learn to deal with these situations in a healthy way. I am grateful for those counseling sessions because they provided me with tools to handle triggering situations, like this incident, in the future.

<i>Why were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged?</i>	<i>Date of arrest, citation, detention, charge (mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	<i>Where were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged? (City, State, Country)</i>	<i>Outcome or disposition</i>
Falsely reporting an offense or incident to law enforcement	[REDACTED]	Bronx, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct and conditionally discharged.
Assault in the 2nd degree	[REDACTED]	New York, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct (violation) and conditionally discharged. On February 22, 2012, the case was sealed upon non-criminal conviction.
Rape in the third degree	[REDACTED]	Queens, New York	Charges were dismissed prior to arraignment and case sealed.
Criminal mischief, Resisting arrest, Possession of a Weapon, Disorderly conduct	[REDACTED]	Bronx, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct and conditionally discharged. Case sealed.

4. With respect to Part 4. "Processing Information", question 2.A. I answered "Yes" as to whether I have engaged in prostitution.

When I was 20 years old, my first trafficker, [REDACTED] ("MM"), forced me into prostitution. For months, MM forced me to have commercial sex with strangers in the bathroom of a bar in the Bronx, NY. If I refused to do as he ordered, he beat me. I escaped my trafficker's control with [REDACTED]'s ("RZ's") help. Unfortunately, it was not long before RZ started to exploit me himself and forced me back into prostitution. I did not want to do this but RZ only cared about me making money for him and when I refused, he would beat me. Sometime around 2009 or 2010, RZ felt like the neighbors had figured out what he was doing to me, so he stopped selling me for sex. Since then, I have never engaged in again. These two trafficking experiences are the basis of my T visa application.

5. With respect to Part 4. "Processing Information", question 8.A. I answered "Yes" as to whether I have been present or nearby when any person was intentionally killed, tortured, beaten, or injured.

Around 2007, I was driving in a car with other workers from a factory and one of the passengers got into a fight with my friend [REDACTED]. The fight escalated quickly and the passenger stabbed my friend. My friend was able to get away, but he died on his way home. I was around 17 or 18 years old at that time, experiencing homeless and had to work long hours at the factory, mostly at night, to support myself. That friend was one of the few people I could count on at the time. Losing him, especially so tragically, was devastating. I am affected by his loss to this day.

As a child growing up in the Dominican Republic I witnessed my father regularly beating my mom. I was also the subject of my father's beatings on several occasions, both in the D.R. and in the U.S.

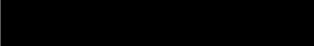
6. With respect to Part 4. "Processing Information", question 9.E I answered "No" as to whether I have ever been denied visa or denied admission to the United States.

Around 2015, I submitted an application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals ("DACA"). I was living at a homeless shelter at the time, so I asked my father if I could use his address to receive notifications from USCIS, since he had stable housing and I did not. USCIS sent a Request for Evidence to my father's address, but he did not provide me with the letter until after the deadline. Therefore, my DACA application was rejected. I was deeply disappointed as I was hopeful that I would be able to finally gain some immigration relief and saddened by my father's lack of support, once again.

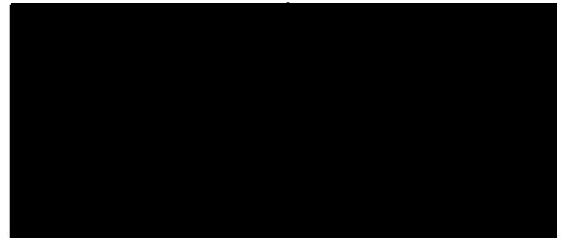
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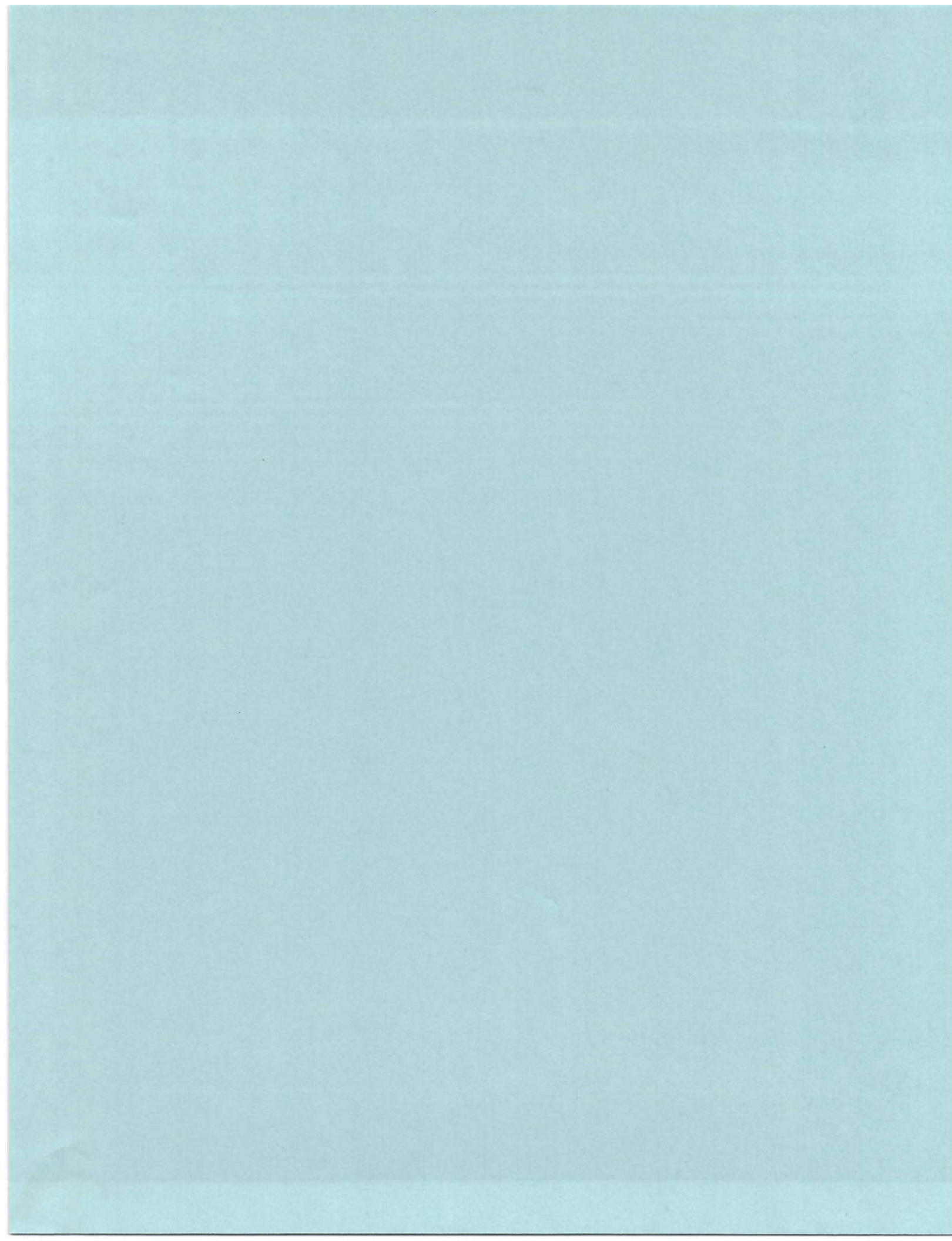
I,  certify that I am competent to translate English into Spanish and that I have read and translated this declaration to Spanish to the best of my ability.

Dated: March 29, 2023




Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires 07/12/2026

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**United States Department of Homeland Security
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services**

Affidavit in support of Application for
T Nonimmigrant Status on Form I-914

Affidavit of

As

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

I, [REDACTED], being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I was born in the Dominican Republic on [REDACTED]. I am submitting this affidavit in support of my Application for T Nonimmigrant Status on Form I-914. I am applying for T Nonimmigrant Status based on being a victim of a severe form of human trafficking.
2. When I was 14 years old, my father arranged for coyotes to cross me through U.S./Mexico border so I could join him in New York City, where he had fled after receiving death threats in the Dominican Republic. However, shortly after I joined my father in New York City, he kicked me out of his place and I became homeless. I was 19 years old, living in the streets, when an older man, [REDACTED] took me in, raped me, and forced me to have sex for money. After months in prostitution, I escaped with the help of [REDACTED] who then exploited me himself. I became pregnant with [REDACTED]'s baby, and when I was 26 years old, I gave birth to my son [REDACTED]. Because of [REDACTED] I gained the courage to escape from [REDACTED]'s control and abuse.
3. I am hoping to obtain lawful status so that I may remain safe in the U.S. with my U.S. citizen child. My son has a severe form of autism and I am devoted to his care. This affidavit describes the vulnerabilities my trafficker, [REDACTED] and others, took advantage of, the experiences I suffered at the hands of my traffickers, the trauma I continue to endure, my cooperation with law enforcement, and the extreme hardship I would suffer if forced to return to the Dominican Republic, a country where I have not returned to in 20 years.

Exposed to violence as a child in the Dominican Republic

4. I was born in the neighborhood of Capotillo, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ("D.R.") to a loving and caring mother and a violent father. Most of my childhood memories are tainted by images of my father regularly beating my mother and me.

5. I am not exactly sure what my dad did for a living back then, but it is my understanding that he was involved in criminal activities. I know that he received death threats against himself and our family, so he fled to the United States ("U.S.").
6. After he left, my mom took my brothers and me to a small rural town by Santo Domingo where we lived modestly and in hiding from the people that were after my father. Despite the stress of the situation, these were good years for me, especially because I did not have to witness my dad physically and verbally abusing my mom and beating me.
7. Sometime later, my father reached out to my mother saying he wanted to bring his children to the U.S., me included. My dad said he would pay for everything, and that in the U.S. we would be able to have an education and a better life. My mom had never dared to refuse my father's demands; she did not have the resources to support us in the D.R. for much longer and thought we would have better opportunities in the U.S., so she agreed to let us go.

Coming to the U.S. and my first years in New York City

8. In 2002, when I was 14 years old, my dad got me a flight to Mexico and instructed me to meet with coyotes that would cross me to the U.S. I followed his orders and met with some people that I don't remember and they told me to get in the trunk of their car and be quiet. I was on my own during this whole journey and it was a frightening experience. I believe I crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in the trunk of this car, and arrived somewhere in Texas.
9. From there, I somehow made it to New York City ("NYC") where I joined my dad and siblings who were living in an apartment in the Bronx. My siblings had completed the same journey as me, a few months prior. My dad was working as a mechanic, and he seemed committed to providing a stable home to my siblings and me.
10. I was in the process of adjusting to my new life in the U.S., going to school every day, and trying to learn English, when my father kicked me out of his house. I was just 15 years old but my father said I was no longer a child but a grown woman and that from now on I would have to take care of myself on my own. I went to a friend's house for a week and then asked my dad to take me back but he said no. I stayed at friends' houses for a while and had to find a job to support myself.
11. From age 15 until I turned 20 years old, I worked odd jobs, here and there, mostly night shifts in factories. Going to school became very challenging for me because I was so tired the next day. Despite that, I was still trying to attend school as much as possible, but I was only able to complete the 10 grade. I did not have stable housing

either. I was staying with people I met at the factory or with acquaintances, but I also had to sleep in the park a few times.

12. I asked my dad to take me back many times, but he would only receive me for a few days before kicking me back out to the street. When I was 17 years old, my father told me he had secured a way to get an identification card for me "because that was the only way to apply for jobs". My father handed me a birth certificate and told me to go with a man he knew on a bus to Ohio where I could obtain an identification card. Given the fear I had of my father after he abused me throughout my childhood, I did what I was told and went with my father's friend to Ohio. Once in Ohio, my father's friend took me to a DMV where, after presenting the birth certificate my father gave me, I got an Ohio State identification card under the name of [REDACTED]. That birth certificate stated that I was born in Puerto Rico. The Ohio ID was the only form of identification that I had for many years. At that time, I did not understand that presenting the birth certificate meant that I was claiming to be a U.S. citizen. I had no intention of misleading anyone about my citizenship, I was just doing what my father told me to do.
13. My father had made it seem like this ID would solve all of my problems but by the time I turned 18 years, I was still sleeping in the streets and no longer attending school.

Meeting My First Trafficker, [REDACTED]

14. One winter night in 2008 or early 2009, when I was 20 years old, I found myself crying on a stoop; I wanted to sleep but I could not because it was so cold. I had not showered in days or had a hot meal, and I felt hopeless. An older man, in his sixties, saw me on his stoop and asked me if I was okay and if I wanted to come in. He said I could take a warm shower in his apartment. Nobody had offered me help in a long time and I was so cold that I accepted and followed him inside the building.
15. I felt so grateful and relieved. At first, I thought this man was my savior, but I was mistaken. That same night, he raped me. He then said that was the price for the shower and the bed. His name was [REDACTED]. He said he was born in Jamaica. He lived in a two-bedroom apartment, but he would make me sleep in his bed with him.
16. In the beginning, I was mostly in the apartment with Mr. [REDACTED]. He would make me do house chores, like cleaning and cooking, and would make me have sex with him. If I refused his demands, he would beat me, so I quickly learned to comply. I thought about escaping but I had nowhere else to go and I was scared of freezing to death if I went back to the streets during the New York winter. Besides, escaping did not seem possible because Mr. [REDACTED] did not allow me to stay alone in the apartment and would take me with him when he had to leave the house. He told people I was his granddaughter.

17. Then, approximately two weeks later, Mr. [REDACTED] took me to a place called "Jamaica Spa". It was kind of a meeting spot for the Jamaican community. There was a restaurant and bar, and rooms. Mr. [REDACTED] made me sit with him in the restaurant and made me drink beer. Adult men would come to our table and hand Mr. [REDACTED] money, and then I would have to go to the bathroom and have sex with them. I was a teenager and it would have been near impossible to fight off these adult men who would overpower me. All of these men and the other people in the bar seemed to be fine with the fact that Mr. [REDACTED] was pimping me, so I felt I could not ask anyone for help. I also knew that if I didn't have sex with them, Mr. [REDACTED] would beat me when we got back home.
18. My life inside Mr. [REDACTED]'s apartment was no better. Most mornings, Mr. [REDACTED] would wake up agitated and start breaking things. He only calmed down after smoking marijuana, and he forced me to smoke with him. He did not seem to have a stable job, but every time he had to leave the apartment, he would not let me stay behind. He always wanted to control and monitor me to prevent me from escaping, so he took me with him. Almost every afternoon, he would take me to "Jamaica Spa", where he made me have sex with several men. I don't know how much money Mr. [REDACTED] charged for "my services" because I never received a dime from the money that I saw the men handing to Mr. [REDACTED] after they raped me. When we were back at the apartment, he would rape me.
19. The few times that I tried to disobey Mr. [REDACTED]'s commands, he beat me, so I learned to shut up and do as I was told to avoid getting hurt.

I Escape from My Trafficker

20. I had been under Mr. [REDACTED]'s control for approximately five months when another man came to the apartment and asked Mr. [REDACTED] if he could rent the extra room. This man's name was [REDACTED] ("T").
21. One day, R [REDACTED] came to the apartment and observed Mr. [REDACTED] raping me. [REDACTED] fought against Mr. [REDACTED] to protect me and, at some point during the fight, Mr. [REDACTED] ran out of the apartment. That was the last time I saw Mr. [REDACTED].
22. I was so grateful and scared of what had just happened. [REDACTED] told me everything was going to be okay. [REDACTED] was tall, strong, and younger than Mr. [REDACTED] was. Thus, when [REDACTED] said that if Mr. [REDACTED] came back, he would protect me, I believed him. After five months of living with that monster, [REDACTED] that night I felt safe.

I am Re-Trafficked by [REDACTED]

23. Mr. [REDACTED] never came back, and [REDACTED] and I started a relationship. [REDACTED] was in his forties, and I was 20 years old. I considered [REDACTED] my savior and I was extremely grateful to him. At the beginning of our time together, everything was wonderful, and I felt loved and protected for the first time in my life. However, it was not long before [REDACTED] started to exploit me himself and beat me on a regular basis. I carry marks from his beatings all over my body.
24. [REDACTED] would beat me if I disobeyed him, or if I did not bring enough money home. I wanted to go back to school but he did not allow it, he said I needed to work. I went back to working at a factory, but the pay was not enough for [REDACTED] so he forced me back into having sex for money. I knew that if I refused to do it, he would beat me, so I did it to avoid punishment.
25. [REDACTED] sold me to a man that lived in a building next door. [REDACTED] made me go to this person's apartment to have sex with him several times over the course of around four months. [REDACTED] took all of the money that man paid me for sex, as well as all of the money I was making at the factory. At some point [REDACTED] felt like the neighbors had figured out what he was doing to me, so he stopped selling me for sex.
26. Sometimes [REDACTED] was in a good mood and was affectionate toward me. Whenever that happened, I would be so happy. I loved him. Many times, I thought things were going to change, and that he would go back to being the nice man that saved me from Mr. [REDACTED]. However, it was never long before he started beating me again.
27. The night of [REDACTED] 2009, [REDACTED] brutally beat me with such rage that I was genuinely scared that he would beat me to death. I called 911 and told the operator I was being assaulted. When the police arrived, [REDACTED] forced me to tell the officers that I had given a false report over the phone. [REDACTED] threatened to beat me further if I didn't do as he instructed. [REDACTED] was still in the apartment with me when the police came to take my statement, and I was terrified of [REDACTED] so I did as he demanded. As a result, I was arrested for the first time in my life, for giving a false report. In court, I pled guilty to a disorderly conduct misdemeanor, and I received a conditional discharge. I didn't know the consequences of saying my call was false and I wish I had told the officers the truth and gotten the help I desperately needed to get away from [REDACTED].
28. [REDACTED] kicked me out a few times and then would call me and beg me to come back, apologizing, saying he loved me and that things were going to change. [REDACTED] knew that I was sleeping in the streets, so he used that to manipulate me into coming back. I had nowhere to go, no support system and I was too young and naïve to realize that to [REDACTED] I was only a means to make money.

29. I was scared that [REDACTED] would force me back to prostitution; so I knew I needed to find a job that paid better than the factory because it was not enough for [REDACTED]. In April 2010, I enrolled in nail technician classes with the hope to gain the skills to find a better paying job. Showing up at class after long nights of abuse at the hands of [REDACTED] was hard in and of itself, but the bullying I experienced in class pushed me to my limits. On April [REDACTED] 2010, I was at the nail technician class and broke under the pressure, snapping at a classmate who regularly bullied me. Someone called the police and I was arrested. On February [REDACTED] 2011, I plead guilty to disorderly conduct (violation) concerning this incident and I received a conditional discharge. The case was sealed without a criminal conviction.
30. In 2012, I became pregnant with [REDACTED]'s child. I gave birth to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 2013. I was 26 years old then.

I Escape from [REDACTED] and I move to a Shelter

31. Sometime in 2014, when my son was one and a half years old, [REDACTED] cracked my head open, after hitting me in the head with a ceramic cup. This is when I realized I needed to leave for good or this man was going to kill me. I also had a son to protect now.
32. In December 2014, I moved to a homeless shelter in the Bronx. I was a single mom trying to support myself and my son, and hiding from [REDACTED].
33. In December 2015, I took my son [REDACTED] to see a specialist because he did not seem to be developing like other children his age. The doctor said [REDACTED] had a severe form of autism, and described him as "nonverbal, violent and in danger to himself and others". From that moment on, everything shifted toward [REDACTED]'s special needs. The doctor said [REDACTED] would need full time - 40 hours per week - of specialized treatment for autism. There was intensive programming that I needed to take him every day and training for me to learn how to take care of his special needs.
34. [REDACTED] was still a presence in my life. Since we had a child in common, I could not cut him off completely and he continued to harass me to the point that in November, 2016, I obtained an order of protection against him in Bronx Family Court.
35. Sometime in 2017, in connection with the Family Court proceedings against [REDACTED], I was connected with a therapist for the first time in my life. This therapist, [REDACTED], who works for Sanctuary for Families ("SFF"), a nonprofit organization that supports survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, made me understand that what [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] did to me constitutes human trafficking.

36. I was in therapy from 2017 to the end of 2019. Therapy opened my eyes to realize that the way I was treated by these men was not my fault, that they took advantage of my vulnerable position and exploited me for their gain. My therapist's assessment was that since the moment I came to the U.S. at age 14, I had experienced nonstop trauma, first at the hands of my father and then with my traffickers.
37. My therapist connected me with a case manager and encouraged me to seek legal counsel to regularize my status in the U.S. Earlier on, in 2015, I had applied for DACA but my application was denied because I was not able to respond to a request for evidence on time. Because I was living in a shelter at the time and didn't have a stable address, I put my father's address to receive any notices, trusting that he would let me know if anything arrived. Unfortunately, my father disappointed me once again. By the time he handed me the immigration notice with the request for evidence, the deadline to reply had elapsed, and my application was rejected.
38. Between 2018 and the beginning of 2020, I worked with an immigration attorney in the hopes of pursuing a T visa, but nothing ended up being filed. I was very sad and disappointed, but at least during this period I had been able to move out of the shelter and was in my own apartment with my son.
39. Housing stability was a huge improvement for my son and me, but it did not last long. In January 2020, I was arrested because of false allegations that a neighbor made against me. The next day, the DA's office declined to prosecute the case. I decided to move to avoid any interactions with my neighbor. When I was stable in a new location, I contacted Sanctuary for Families to ask for help to regularize my immigration status.
40. I started working with an immigration attorney from Sanctuary but then the COVID-19 pandemic started, and everything came to a pause. My son's programming also was suspended, and as a result, I needed to be entirely dedicated to his care.
41. In October 2020, there was an incident when my trafficker [REDACTED] came to my house to see our son. [REDACTED] became aggressive and verbally threatened to hurt me to the point that I felt fearful for my life, so I called the police and filed a report.
42. In March 2022, I was able to resume work with SFF's attorneys. Sanctuary paired me with a group of pro bono attorneys and now I have a dedicated team of attorneys and a case manager that support me while I apply for my T visa. It has been hard to revisit all of my traumatic experiences for this application but the prospect of a stable future in the U.S. with my son keeps me going.
43. I continue to experience severe psychological trauma because of the trafficking I experienced at the hands of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. To this day I struggle with depression, I get easily startled and I am hyper vigilant.

44. I am especially fearful of becoming homeless again because that is what led to my first trafficking. Recently, I experienced an incident that illustrates this particular fear and the anxiety I suffer because of my trauma. One night in October 2022, I was locked out of my apartment and I completely lost my temper. That night my son was at his father's, my second trafficker [REDACTED] as part of the custody agreement. The prospect of having to ask [REDACTED] for help and to have to stay at his place, made me relive memories of him exploiting me, taking my money and beating me when I refused. My fear and panic turned into anger, I got into an argument with the building's management and I was arrested for disorderly conduct. The police had to take me to the hospital because I was hyperventilating. I am deeply sorry that I lost my temper, and I am doing everything in my power to learn to deal with these situations in a healthy way. Because of the arrest, I was mandated to attend two counseling sessions, which I completed promptly, and as a result, the case was dismissed. I am grateful for those counseling sessions because it provided me with tools to handle triggering situations, like this incident, in the future.
45. My trafficker [REDACTED] has not been a stable figure in our son's life, but for the past year, he has been spending time with my son some weekends. After these visits, my son becomes more aggressive and I have a harder time calming him. My son also starts talking differently, with foul language that I don't allow at my home. The worst part is that [REDACTED] feeds my son with stories about the three of us becoming a happy family, and tells my son to convince me to take [REDACTED] back. Whenever I tell my son that will not happen, he gets agitated and aggressive. There was one incident in December 2022 when I had to call the police because [REDACTED] started a verbal argument with me and he encouraged our son to hit me and say disrespectful things to me. The police came to my house and I filed a report.
46. [REDACTED] calls me and tells me the same happy family story and that he wants me back. [REDACTED] knows I do not have a stable income and uses that to manipulate me. [REDACTED] also knows that it is challenging for a single person to take care of my son's special needs, so he promises me that he will support me and our son if I go back to him. However, I know I can't let myself believe his lies, and I can't go back to him. I have a scar in my forehead from his beatings that reminds me to be strong, and that if I let my guard down the exploitation and the beatings will re-start. I pray that one day I will have a work authorization and I will be able to access better paying jobs and escape from [REDACTED]'s influence over my life. Right now, I am still trapped in his manipulations, and it hurts me to see him using our son to get to me.

47. Despite all of the suffering I have endured, I keep faith in God and pray to him every day. I ask God to forgive me when I lose my temper, even though my therapist and my pastor have told me that what I experience are normal reactions for someone who has been through as much trauma as myself. Despite that, I want to be better, for myself and for my son, but I need further stability to be able to focus on my healing, which is why I so desperately need to gain immigration status.

Cooperation with Law Enforcement

48. In February 2023, through one of my attorneys, I contacted the United States Department of Justice to report my trafficking experience. They directed us to contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline, which one of my attorneys did on my behalf.
49. On March 8, 2023, I signed and submitted a consent form to authorize the National Human Trafficking Hotline to report my trafficking victimization to law enforcement.
50. On March 16, 2023, one of my attorneys and I, called the National Human Trafficking Hotline. During that phone call, I provided further details about my trafficking experience and confirmed that I wanted to report the trafficking to law enforcement.
51. On March 21, 2023, one of my attorneys received a confirmation letter from the National Human Trafficking Hotline stating that they had reported my trafficking situation to several law enforcement agencies on March 20, 2023. I am submitting a copy of this confirmation letter with my application.
52. On March 22, 2023, Assistant District Attorney Joseph Russo from Bronx County District Attorney's Office called one of my attorneys to follow up on the report he received from the National Human Trafficking Hotline. At my instruction, one of my attorneys provided further details about my trafficking victimization and expressed to the prosecutor that I am willing to continue to cooperate in the investigation of my trafficker.

I Cannot Return to the Dominican Republic Due to Extreme Hardship

53. I arrived in the U.S. at age 14 and have spent 20 years here. New York is my only home. I left the Dominican Republic so long ago that I have no support system over there, and I would suffer extreme hardship I were forced to return there and start over.

54. If I was forced to return to D.R. I would lose access to the U.S. criminal justice system. I remain available to cooperate in the investigation against my trafficker, but if I am forced to leave, I would lose this opportunity and I would not be able to press charges in my home country.
55. If I was forced to return to D.R. I would lose access to the U.S. civil justice system. I have been granted orders of protection from Family Court for me and my son against [REDACTED]. I know I can count on the police to report [REDACTED] in case he violates an order of protection. Throughout the years, I have called the police to seek their protection from [REDACTED]. Last time, it was in December 2022. In addition, it was through this legal process that I was connected to the therapist who opened my eyes to the fact that I am a survivor of human trafficking. Through the court system, I have been able to access resources such as trauma informed counseling and trauma informed lawyering. I know these types of specialized resources are not available in the D.R., and it terrifies me to think that if I find myself in a bad situation in D.R. I could not access similar resources to protect myself against abusers like [REDACTED].
56. If I were forced to return to the D.R., I would face a high risk of being separated from my son, who is a 9-year-old U.S. citizen. My trafficker, and the father of my son, would not give permission so my son could relocate with me to the D.R. just to hurt me. Even if my trafficker consented to me taking my son with me to the D.R., I can't imagine a life for my son there given his medical diagnosis. As stated above, my son has a severe form of autism, and he is entirely dependent on me. I am his sole caretaker. I am the only point of contact for his medical decisions, his special education, and his care. If I were removed from the U.S., not only I would suffer extreme hardship, but also most importantly, my son would. The specialized services that my son receives on an everyday basis here in the U.S. are not available in the D.R. Even if I could find some sort of special care for my son in the D.R., I wouldn't be able to afford it, because those specialized services are reserved for people with a lot of money, whereas in the U.S. my son receives a discounted price because of our low-income. If my son were to remain in the U.S. without me, he would have to be under his father's care and he is an abusive and violent man who trafficked me and continues to harass me to this day.
57. If I were forced to return to D.R. I would suffer from stigma and punishment as a survivor of human trafficking. In the D.R. prostitution is normalized, and human trafficking is barely recognized. I feel that if I ever shared what happened to me, people would see me as a prostitute and nothing else. I would have to suppress the traumatic memories that I have spent so much time working through with my former therapist. This would erase the progress I made through therapy. I also fear that because of these misconceptions in the D.R., the likelihood of re victimization would be high and that someone would force me back to prostitution.
58. If I were forced to return to D.R., I will lose access to the trauma-specific services that I need and that I have been receiving in the U.S. These services are not accessible in


my home country, as the D.R. places very little importance on trauma-informed victim services and psychological services.

59. Here in the U.S., I have a team of trauma-informed lawyers who are helping me with this application, and I meet with them regularly. Their support keeps me going and reminds me I am worthy. I have a wonderful case manager who is advocating in front of housing authorities so that my son and I can live in a safe place. My son got lead poisoning in the subsidized apartment we are living in and, two years later, there still have not been significant repairs. My case manager helped me change the locks of my apartment because [REDACTED] kept on coming in unannounced.
60. Over the years, my counselor Ines helped me to understand that what happened to me was not my fault and that I had been exploited for other people's gain. Ines gave me tools to deal with self-blame and to identify predators and protect myself from them. I was trafficked beginning when I was a teenager, so the impact of this harm is great and affects my whole life. Because of this, Ines told me it was going to take me many years to heal and consistent therapy to overcome the trauma. Unfortunately, due to the instability I have faced over the years as an undocumented migrant, the COVID-19 pandemic, and my son's increasing needs as he becomes older, I have not been able to complete the psychological treatment I need to heal. I know there is still a long way ahead before I can heal, and I hope to be able to resume therapy once my immigration and housing situations are resolved.
61. The relationships I have built with my team of lawyers, my case manager and my former therapist have been key to help me survive. It took me a lot of time and effort to be able to trust and confide in these providers because I have been let down and taken advantage of so many times that it is hard for me to trust in new people. If I were forced to return to the D.R., not only would I not be able to endure the process of building relationships like these all over again, but trauma informed professionals like the ones I need are not available in the D.R. Even if I could find that sort of care, I would not be able to afford it, because specialized services there are reserved for people with a lot of money, whereas in the U.S. I am receiving these trauma-informed services free of charge.

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For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that my T Nonimmigrant Status application be approved.

Wherefore, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

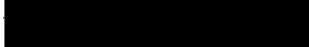


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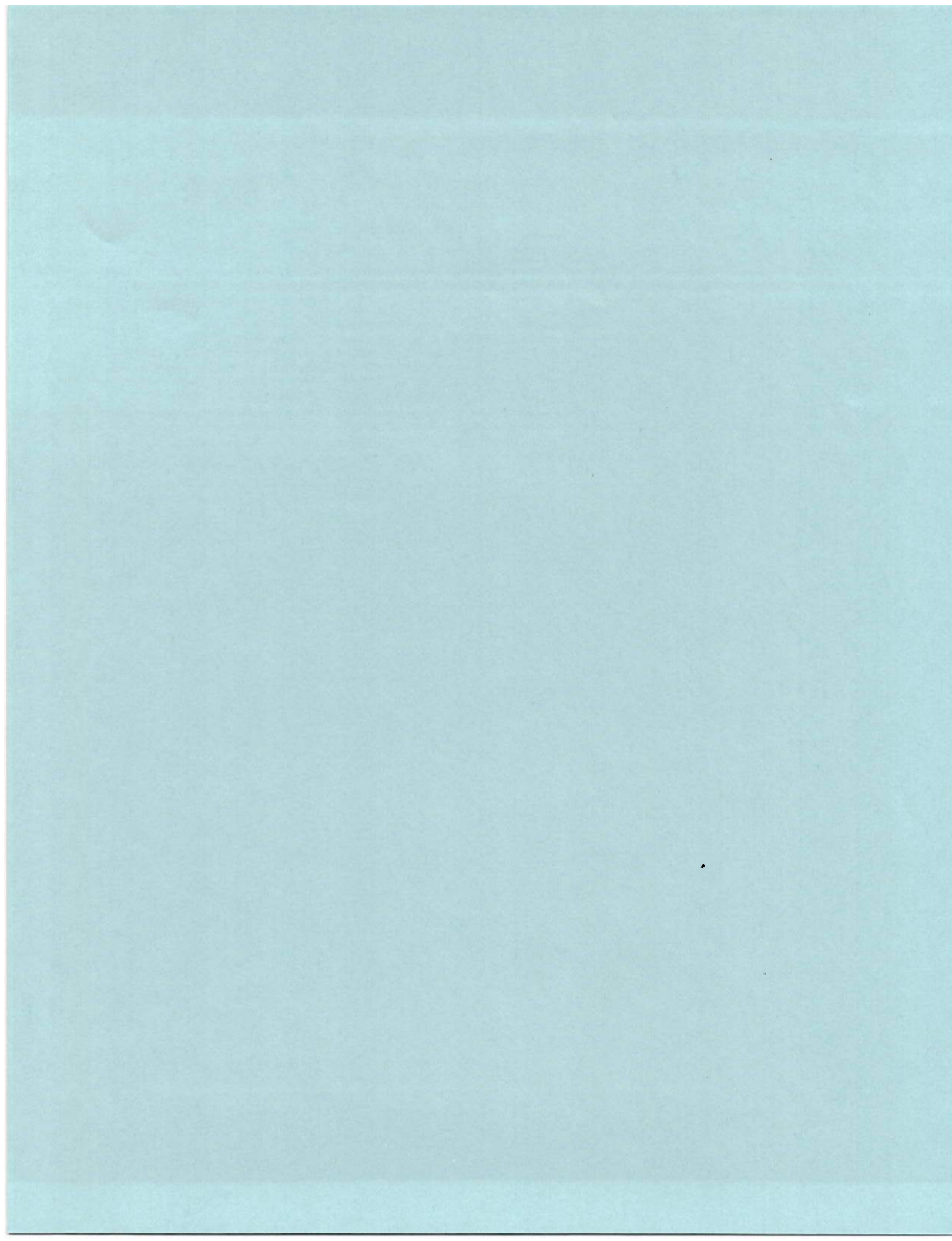
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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

I,  certify that I am competent to translate English into Spanish and that I have read and translated this affidavit to  to the best of my abilities.







Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-192
OMB No. 1615-0017
Expires 10/31/2023

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Part 1. Application Type

I am applying to the Secretary of Homeland Security for permission to enter the United States temporarily under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) section 212(d)(3)(A)(ii), section 212(d)(13), or section 212(d)(14).

I am seeking this permission so that I may obtain (select only one box):

- ☐ Admission as a nonimmigrant (other than as a T or U nonimmigrant).
- ☒ Status as a victim of trafficking (T nonimmigrant status) or a victim of a crime (U nonimmigrant status).

Part 2. Information About You

Your Full Name

- Family Name (Last Name)
- Given Name (First Name)
- Middle Name

Part 2. Information About You (continued)**Other Names Used (if any)**

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 8.

Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)	
2.b. Given Name (First Name)	
2.c. Middle Name	
3.a. Family Name (Last Name)	
3.b. Given Name (First Name)	
3.c. Middle Name	

Other Information

4. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

▶ A- [REDACTED]

5. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

▶ [REDACTED]

6. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]

7. Gender ☐ Male ☒ Female

Place of Birth

8.a. City or Town

Santo Domingo

8.b. State or Province

Santo Domingo

8.c. Country

Dominican Republic

9. Country of Citizenship or Nationality

Dominican Republic

Mailing Address

10.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

10.b. Street Number and Name

10.c. ☐ Apt. ☐ S

10.d. City or Town New York

10.e. State NY

10.f. ZIP Code [REDACTED]

10.g. Province

10.h. Postal Code

10.i. Country

USA

Safe Mailing Address

If you are a T or U visa applicant, and do not want U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to send notices about this application to your home, you may provide a safe mailing address.

11.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

11.b. Organization Name (if applicable)

11.c. Street Number and Name

11.d. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☒ Flr.

11.e. City or Town New York

11.f. State NY

11.g. ZIP Code [REDACTED]

11.h. Province

11.i. Postal Code

11.j. Country

USA

Part 2. Information About You (continued)**Address History**

Provide physical addresses for everywhere you have lived during the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. Provide your current address first. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 8. Additional Information**.

Physical Address 1 (current address)

12.a. Street Number and Name
12.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.
12.c. City or Town
12.d. State 12.e. ZIP Code
12.f. Province
12.g. Postal Code
12.h. Country

Dates of Residence

13.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)
13.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Physical Address 2

14.a. Street Number and Name
14.b. ☒ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.
14.c. City or Town
14.d. State 14.e. ZIP Code
14.f. Province
14.g. Postal Code
14.h. Country

Dates of Residence

15.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)
15.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Physical Address 3

16.a. Street Number and Name
16.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☒ Flr.
16.c. City or Town
16.d. State 16.e. ZIP Code
16.f. Province
16.g. Postal Code
16.h. Country

Dates of Residence

17.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)
17.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Physical Address 4

18.a. Street Number and Name
18.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.
18.c. City or Town
18.d. State 18.e. ZIP Code
18.f. Province
18.g. Postal Code
18.h. Country

Dates of Residence

19.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)
19.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 2. Information About You (continued)

Travel Information

NOTE: If you are applying for T or U nonimmigrant status and are in the United States, you may skip Item Numbers 20. - 25.

Location at Which you Plan to Enter the United States (desired Port-of-Entry)

20.a. City

20.b. State

21. Name of Port-of-Entry

22. How do you plan to travel to the United States?
(For example, by plane, ship, car)

23. When do you plan to enter the United States? (mm/dd/yyyy)

24. Approximate Length of Stay in the United States

25. What is the purpose of your stay in the United States?
Explain fully below.

Immigration and Criminal History

26. Do you believe that you may be inadmissible to the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Please see attached I-192 declaration

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 26., explain the reasons why you believe, according to the best of your knowledge, that you may be inadmissible in Part 8. Additional Information. If you were told that you are inadmissible, provide the reason you were given.

27. Have you previously filed an application for advance permission to enter the United States as a nonimmigrant?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 27., provide the details in Item Numbers 28. - 29.e. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information.

28. Date Application Filed (mm/dd/yyyy)

Location where you filed your application (for example, USCIS Office or Port-of-Entry).

29.a. USCIS Office or U.S. Port-of-Entry

29.b. City or Town

29.c. State or Province

29.d. Country

29.e. Receipt Number (if available)

30. Have you EVER been in the United States for a period of six months or more? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 30., provide the dates you were in the United States (from and to) and your immigration status at the time of entry into the United States in the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information.

☐ Please see attached I-192 declaration

31. Have you EVER filed an application or petition for immigration benefits with the U.S. Government, or has one ever been filed on your behalf? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 31., provide the information requested in Item Numbers 32.a. - 32.c.

If you (or somebody else on your behalf) have filed multiple applications or petitions for immigration benefits with the U.S. Government, use the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information to provide the answers to Item Numbers 32.a. - 32.c. for each of your additional applications or petitions.

32.a. Type of Application or Petition Filed

32.b. Location Where You (or the Other Person) Filed the Application or Petition (for example, USCIS office or Port-of-Entry);

32.c. Outcome of the Application or Petition (for example, approved, denied, or is pending).

☐ Please see attached I-192 declaration

Part 2. Information About You (continued)

33. Have you **EVER** been denied or refused an immigration benefit by the U.S. Government, or had a benefit revoked or terminated (including but not limited to visas)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 33., provide an explanation the information in the space provided in **Part 8. Additional Information.**

34. Have you **EVER**, in or outside the United States, been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, fined, convicted, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 34., describe the incidents in detail and include all offenses where impaired driving may have been an issue in the space provided in **Part 8. Additional Information.**

Part 3. Biographic Information

1. Ethnicity (Select **only one** box)

☒ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

2. Race (Select **all applicable** boxes)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☒ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ White

3. Height Feet Inches

4. Weight Pounds

5. Eye Color (Select **only one** box)

☐ Black ☐ Blue ☒ Brown
☐ Gray ☐ Green ☐ Hazel
☐ Maroon ☐ Pink ☐ Unknown/Other

6. Hair Color (Select **only one** box)

☐ Bald (No hair) ☐ Black ☐ Blond
☒ Brown ☐ Gray ☐ Red
☐ Sandy ☐ White ☐ Unknown/Other

Part 4. Other Information About You

Employment History

Provide your employment history for the last five years, whether inside or outside the United States. Provide the most recent employment first. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 8. Additional Information.**

Employer 1 (current or most recent)

1. Name of Employer or Company

Address of Employer or Company

- 2.a. Street Number and Name

- 2.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☒ Flr.

- 2.c. City or Town

- 2.d. State 2.e. ZIP Code

- 2.f. Province

- 2.g. Postal Code

- 2.h. Country

3. Your Occupation

Dates of Employment

- 4.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

- 4.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 4. Other Information About You (continued)

Employer 2

5. Name of Employer or Company

Address of Employer or Company

6.a. Street Number
and Name6.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.

6.c. City or Town

6.d. State

6.e. ZIP Code

6.f. Province

6.g. Postal Code

6.h. Country

7. Your Occupation

Dates of Employment

8.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

8.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

Information About Your Parents

Information About Your Mother

Mother's Legal Name

9.a. Family Name
(Last Name)9.b. Given Name
(First Name)

9.c. Middle Name

Mother's Name at Birth (if different than above)

10.a. Family Name
(Last Name)10.b. Given Name
(First Name)

10.c. Middle Name

11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

12. City or Town of Birth

13. Country of Birth

14. Current City or Town of Residence (if living)

15. Current Country of Residence (if living)

Information About Your Father

Father's Legal Name

16.a. Family Name
(Last Name)16.b. Given Name
(First Name)

16.c. Middle Name

Father's Name at Birth (if different than above)

17.a. Family Name
(Last Name)17.b. Given Name
(First Name)

17.c. Middle Name

18. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

19. City or Town of Birth

20. Country of Birth

21. Current City or Town of Residence (if living)

22. Current Country of Residence (if living)

Information About Your Marital History

23. What is your current marital status?

- ☒ Single, Never Married ☐ Married ☐ Divorced
☐ Widowed ☐ Legally Separated
☐ Marriage Annulled ☐ Other

24. How many times have you been married (including annulled marriages and marriages to the same person)?

Part 4. Other Information About You (continued)**Information About Your Current Marriage**
(including if you are legally separated)

If you are currently married, provide the following information about your current spouse.

Current Spouse's Legal Name

25.a. Family Name (Last Name)

25.b. Given Name (First Name)

25.c. Middle Name

26. A-Number (if any)
▶ A-

27. Current Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

28. Date of Marriage to Current Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy)

Current Spouse's Place of Birth

29.a. City or Town

29.b. State or Province

29.c. Country

Place of Marriage to Current Spouse

30.a. City or Town

30.b. State or Province

30.c. Country

Information About Prior Marriages (if any)

If you have been married before, whether in the United States or in any other country, provide the information requested in Item Numbers 31.a. - 36.c. about your prior marriage. If you have had more than one previous marriage, use the space provided in Part 8. Additional Information to provide the answers to Item Numbers 31.a. - 36.c. for each additional marriage.

Prior Spouse's Legal Name (provide family name before marriage)

31.a. Family Name (Last Name)

31.b. Given Name (First Name)

31.c. Middle Name

32. Prior Spouse's Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

33. Date of Marriage to Prior Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place of Marriage to Prior Spouse

34.a. City or Town

34.b. State or Province

34.c. Country

35. Date Marriage with Prior Spouse Legally Ended (mm/dd/yyyy)

Place Where Marriage with Prior Spouse Legally Ended

36.a. City or Town

36.b. State or Province

36.c. Country

Part 5. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-192 Instructions before completing this section.

Applicant's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

- 1.a. ☐ I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- 1.b. ☒ The interpreter named in **Part 6.** read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in [REDACTED], a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.
2. ☒ At my request, the preparer named in **Part 7.**, [REDACTED], prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Applicant's Contact Information

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]
4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any) [REDACTED]
5. Applicant's Email Address (if any) [REDACTED]

Applicant's Declaration and Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may require that I submit original documents to DHS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that DHS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my DHS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that DHS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, if I am required to provide biometrics, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

- 1) I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and
- 2) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my application and any document submitted with it were provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Applicant's Signature

6.a. Applicant's Signature [REDACTED]

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/29/23

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Part 6. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

- 1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name) [REDACTED]
- 1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name) [REDACTED]
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)
Sanctuary for Families

Part 6. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3.a. Street Number and Name [REDACTED]
3.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☒ Flr. [REDACTED]
3.c. City or Town New York
3.d. State NY 3.e. ZIP Code 10005
3.f. Province [REDACTED]
3.g. Postal Code [REDACTED]
3.h. Country USA

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]
5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any) [REDACTED]
6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any) [REDACTED]

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and Spanish, which is the same language specified in Part 5., Item Number 1.b., and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the Applicant's Declaration and Certification, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter's Signature

7.a. Interpreter's Signature [REDACTED]
7.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/29/2023

Part 7. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

Provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name) [REDACTED]
1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name) [REDACTED]
2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any) [REDACTED]

Preparer's Mailing Address

3.a. Street Number and Name [REDACTED]
3.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☒ Flr. [REDACTED]
3.c. City or Town New York
3.d. State NY 3.e. ZIP Code 10019
3.f. Province [REDACTED]
3.g. Postal Code [REDACTED]
3.h. Country USA

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]
5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any) [REDACTED]
6. Preparer's Email Address (if any) [REDACTED]

Part 7. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant (continued)

Preparer's Statement

- 7.a. ☐ I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.
- 7.b. ☒ I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case ☒ extends ☐ does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited representative, you may need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or Form G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, with this application.

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the **Applicant's Declaration and Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8.a. Preparer's Signature

[Redacted Signature]

8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

04-07-2023

Part 8. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a. Family Name (Last Name) [REDACTED]
1.b. Given Name (First Name) [REDACTED]
1.c. Middle Name [REDACTED]

2. A-Number (if any) ▶ A- [REDACTED]

3.a. Page Number 3.b. Part Number 3.c. Item Number
2 2

3.d. Last Name: [REDACTED] First Name: [REDACTED]
Last Name: [REDACTED] First Name: [REDACTED]

4.a. Page Number 4.b. Part Number 4.c. Item Number
4 2 26

4.d. I believe I may be inadmissible under the following grounds:
INA 212 (a) (2) (d) - Prostitution
INA 212 (a) (6) (A) (i) - Present without admission or parole
INA 212 (a) (6) (C) (ii) - False claim to US citizenship
Please see attached declaration for detailed information regarding these grounds of inadmissibility.

5.a. Page Number 5.b. Part Number 5.c. Item Number
4 2 30

5.d. When I was 14 years old, following my father's directions and arrangements, I entered the US sometime in November 2002. I have not left the US since I entered. Therefore, I have been in the U.S. for a period of more than 6 months.

6.a. Page Number 6.b. Part Number 6.c. Item Number
4 2 31

6.d. Around 2015, I submitted an application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [DACA]. I was living at a homeless shelter at the time, so I asked my father if I could use his address to receive notifications from USCIS, since he had stable housing and I did not.

7.a. Page Number 7.b. Part Number 7.c. Item Number
4 2 31

7.d. (continuation) USCIS sent a Request for Evidence to my father's address, but he did not provide me with the letter until after the deadline. Therefore, my DACA application was rejected.

**United States Department of Homeland Security
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services**

ADDENDUM TO FORM I-192

Declaration explaining answers to
questions on Application for Advance
Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant on
Form I-192, filed in Connection with
Application for T Nonimmigrant Status

Declaration of

A# -

I, [REDACTED] pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare that the following is true and correct:

1. My name is [REDACTED]. I was born on J [REDACTED] in the neighborhood of Capotillo in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I have lived in New York State for the past 20 years and I currently reside in New York City with my 9-year-old son, who is autistic. I am submitting this declaration to explain certain responses on my application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant on Form I-192, to describe the reasons why I believe I may be inadmissible, and to respectfully request a waiver of any inadmissibility. I am submitting this in connection with my Application for T Nonimmigrant Status on Form I-914, because I am a survivor of human trafficking.

2. With respect to Part 2. "Information About You," question 26, I answered "Yes" as to whether I may be inadmissible to the United States. I submit this statement to describe my entry into the United States as a child, my use of a fake ID at the direction of my father, and my forced involvement in prostitution on account of being a victim of sex trafficking. I apologize for my mistakes and seek a waiver of inadmissibility.

3. I was born and raised in Capotillo, a neighborhood considered one of the most dangerous in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ("D.R."). I grew up witnessing my dad physically abusing my mother and myself until he fled to the United States ("U.S.") because he received death threats against himself and our family. Several years later, my father instructed my brothers and me to join him in the U.S. In 2002, when I was 14 years old, my father paid a coyote for the travel costs and made all of the arrangements to get me to the U.S. My dad got me a flight to Mexico and instructed me to meet with the coyotes who would cross me to the U.S. In Mexico, I met the coyotes who told me to get in the trunk of their car and be quiet. I was on my own during this whole journey and it was a frightening experience. I believe I crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in the trunk of this car and arrived somewhere in Texas to finally join my siblings and father in New York City. I have not left the U.S. since that entry, 20 years ago.

4. Living with my father was hard because he was violent to me. It was so bad and frequent that one day my high school teacher who noticed the bruises called my father and told him to never place hands on me again or she would call child protective services. When I was 15 years old he kicked me out and I became homeless. I asked my dad to take me back many times, but he would only allow me to stay in his place for a few days before kicking me out again. When I was around 17 years old, my father told me he had secured a way for me to get an identification card "because that was the only way to apply for jobs." My father handed me a birth certificate and told me to go with a man he knew on a bus to Ohio where I could obtain an identification card. Given the fear I had of my father after he abused me throughout my childhood, I did what I was told and went with my father's friend to Ohio. Once in Ohio, my father's friend took me to a DMV where, after presenting the birth certificate my father gave me, I got an Ohio State identification card under the name of [REDACTED]. That birth certificate stated that I was born in Puerto Rico. At that time, I did not understand that presenting the birth certificate meant that I was claiming to be a U.S. citizen. I had no intention of misleading anyone about my citizenship, I was just doing what my father told me to do. I later used the Ohio identification card when applying for food stamps through the SNAP program, applying for jobs, cashing checks, and enrolling in private beauty training courses. The Ohio ID was the only form of identification that I had and so I used it for several years any time officials, such as the police or court, requested identification. Then, in 2011, when I went to apply for a New York driver's license, an officer who was Dominican noticed that the ID I had with me said I was from Puerto Rico and told me that I should not be using the ID, and that it was unlawful. I stopped using it immediately and never used again. I had no idea of the implications of using this ID, I was only 17 years old when my father arranged for me to get it and told me to use it. I never thought to question whether it was illegal until the DMV officer told me to stop using it. Once I understood, I immediately stopped using it. I have not used the Ohio ID or any other form of false identification since.

5. Sometime in the 2008 – 2009 winter, when I was 20 years old, my first trafficker, [REDACTED] ("MM"), forced me into prostitution. For months, MM forced me to have commercial sex with strangers in the bathroom of a bar in the Bronx, NY. If I refused to do as he ordered, he beat me. I escaped my trafficker's control with [REDACTED]'s help. Unfortunately, it was not long before, [REDACTED] ("RZ") started to exploit me himself and forced me back into prostitution. I did not want to do this but RZ only cared about me making money for him and when I refused, he would beat me. Sometime around 2009 or 2010, RZ felt like the neighbors had figured out what he was doing to me, so he stopped selling me for sex. Since then, I have never had to do prostitution again. These two trafficking experiences are the basis of my T visa application.

6. With respect to Part 2. "Information About You," question 30, I answered "Yes" as to whether I have been in the U.S. for a period of 6 months or more. As explained above, in (3.), my father arranged for me to come to the U.S. in 2002 and I have not departed the U.S. since that entry. Therefore, I have been in the U.S. for the past 20 years.

7. With respect to Part 2. "Information About You", question 31, questions 32.a. through 32.c, and question 33. I answered "Yes" as to whether I have ever filed an application or petition for immigration benefits with the U.S. Government, or if one has ever been filed on my behalf, and if I have ever been denied or refused an immigration benefit by the U.S. Government, or had a benefit revoked or terminated (including but not limited to visas). Around 2015, I submitted an application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [DACA]. I was living at a homeless shelter at the time, so I asked my father if I could use his address to receive notifications from USCIS, since he had stable housing and I did not. USCIS sent a Request for Evidence to my father's address, but he did not provide me with the letter until after the deadline. Therefore, my DACA application was rejected. I was deeply disappointed as I was hopeful that I would be able to finally gain some immigration relief, and find a job and stability. Instead, my father disappointed me, once again.

8. With respect to Part 2. "Information About You," question 34. I answered "Yes" as to whether I have been ever arrested, cited, charged, indicted, fined, convicted, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations.

8.1 On [REDACTED], 2009, I was arrested for falsely reporting an incident to law enforcement.

At the time, I was under the control of my second trafficker, [REDACTED] ("RZ"). RZ had rescued me from my former trafficker, and promised me safety and love. Unfortunately, RZ did not keep his promises. Instead, he began to exploit me himself and beat me when I refused to do as he ordered. The night of Sept. 30, 2009, RZ brutally beat me, with such rage that I was genuinely scared that he would beat me to death. RZ often hit me, but this time, it was so vicious that I gathered up the courage to call the police. When the police arrived, RZ forced me to tell the officers that I had given a false report over the phone. RZ threatened to beat me further if I did not do as he instructed. RZ was still in the apartment with me when the police came to take my statement, and I was terrified of RZ, so I did as RZ demanded. As a result, I was arrested for giving a false report. I was booked in jail overnight. In court, I pled guilty to a disorderly conduct misdemeanor, and I received a conditional discharge of one year. I complied with the conditions and I was ultimately discharged. I am sorry that I said the call was false, and I wish I had told the officers the truth and gotten the help I desperately needed to get away from RZ.

8.2 On April 30, 2010, I was arrested for assault in the second degree. At the time, I was still under the abuse and exploitation of my trafficker RZ, who would pressure me to bring money home and beat me if I did not bring home enough money. I was so scared that RZ would force me back to prostitution; so I knew I needed to find a job that paid better than the factory because it was not enough for Richard. In April 2010, I enrolled in nail technician classes with the hope to gain the skills to find a better paying job. Showing

up at class after long nights of abuse at the hands of RZ was hard in and of itself, but the bullying I experienced in class pushed me to my limits. One of my classmates was especially vicious and regularly bullied me – often calling me names and using racial slurs, like “negro”, to refer to me. On [REDACTED] 2010, I was at the nail technician class and broke under the pressure, snapping at the classmate who bullied me. This evening my classmate’s verbal bullying turned to physical violence when she began throwing nail polish bottles at me, which is when I snapped. In response, I also threw a nail polish bottle at her, and admittedly, I was in the wrong when I escalated the situation by hitting her. Someone called the police to intervene and was booked in jail overnight. On [REDACTED] 2011, I plead guilty to disorderly conduct (violation), and I received a conditional discharge. The condition for discharge was to take an anger management course, which I successfully completed. On [REDACTED] 2012, the case was sealed upon non-criminal conviction. Now looking back on this situation, I am very sorry for my behavior that day. I was living in fear and frustration, and I did not have the tools to handle the chaos in my life. I learned important lessons in the anger management, and since then I work hard on controlling my emotions and deescalating situations that can trigger me.

8.3 On [REDACTED], 2020, I was arrested because of false rape allegations that a neighbor made against me. At that time, I had finally reached some stability and had moved into my own apartment with my then seven-year-old son, after years living in shelters. One of my neighbors asked me to babysit and shortly afterwards, without any warning or provocation, she called the police with false rape allegations. I was arrested on this false claim on [REDACTED], 2020, but the next day, the DA’s office dismissed the charges because they were unfounded. I received a decline to prosecute letter the next day, on [REDACTED] 2020, that I am attaching to this application. The DA’s office dismissed the charges the next day prior to arraignment and the record was sealed. I decided to move out in order to avoid any further interactions with my neighbor.

8.4 On [REDACTED] 2022, I was arrested on charges of criminal mischief, resisting arrest, possession of a weapon, and disorderly conduct. That night, I came home and I was not able to open the door of my apartment. A young boy next door took pity on me and offered his hammer as a tool to help me get in. I tried using the hammer to open the door, but it did not work and I became extremely nervous and agitated. My trafficker, RZ, remains in my life because we have a child in common. I do not have family or friends where I could spend the night, so the only place I could turn to was RZ’s apartment where my son was spending the night because of the custody agreement. The idea of having to ask RZ for help and to have to stay at his place, made me relive memories of him exploiting me, taking my money, and beating me when I refused. When I could not open the door to my apartment with the hammer, I gave up

and walked over to the management office to ask for help. Yet when I tried to explain my situation to the management people, they actively ignored me. They made me feel like I was crazy and they ghosted me. The desperation and fear of not being able to enter my own home and having only my trafficker, RZ's residence to count on for shelter that night triggered something inside me – I believe it was trauma from the time that I lived with RZ and was subjected to his exploitation. I felt helpless, became even more agitated and jumpy, and was unable to think properly. My fear and panic turned into anger, I picked up the hammer that I was still holding and banged it against the wall to get the management office's attention. Within minutes, police officers that had been outside of the management office, rushed in and arrested me. I started hyperventilating and struggled to breathe, so the police took me to the hospital. On October 28, 2022, I was convicted of Disorderly Conduct with Conditional Discharge, and I was mandated to attend two therapy sessions, which I have since completed. I am deeply sorry that I lost my temper, and I am doing everything in my power to learn to deal with these situations in a healthy way. I am grateful for those counseling sessions because they provided me with tools to handle triggering situations, like this incident, in the future.

<i>Why were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged?</i>	<i>Date of arrest, citation, detention, charge (mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	<i>Where were you arrested, cited, detained, or charged? (City, State, Country)</i>	<i>Outcome or disposition</i>
Falsely reporting an offense or incident to law enforcement	10/11/2009	Bronx, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct and conditionally discharged.

Assault in the 2nd degree	04/30/2010	New York, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct (violation) and conditionally discharged. On February 22, 2012, the case was sealed upon non-criminal conviction.
Rape in the third degree	01/15/2020	Queens, New York	Charges were dismissed prior to arraignment and case was sealed.
Criminal mischief, Resisting arrest, Possession of a Weapon, Disorderly conduct	10/26/2022	Bronx, New York	Convicted of disorderly conduct and conditionally discharged. Case sealed.

9. As described in my declaration in support of my I-914 application, I am a victim of a severe form of human trafficking. When I was only 20 years old, two vicious man exploited me for commercial sex, in part because my own father put me in an extremely vulnerable situation. When I was just 14 years old, my father brought me to the U.S. My father had always been abusive to my mother and me, but my mom thought I was going to have better opportunities in life if I joined my father in the U.S. Unfortunately, my father continued to be violent once I joined him in New York. It was so bad and frequent that one day, my high school teacher who noticed the bruises, called my father, and told him to never place hands on me again or she would call child protective services. By the time I turned 15 years old, he kicked me out of his house and I became homeless. When I was 17 years old, my father said he was going to help me. Instead, he pushed me into another unlawful situation when he arranged for me to get a fake ID. When I was 20 years old, I was still homeless and my first trafficker, MM, forced me into having sex for money that he would keep. I escaped my first trafficker, MM, with the help of another man, RZ, who then manipulated me into a romantic relationship just to exploit me himself. I left RZ in 2014, when our child in common was approximately 2 years old. I found the courage to leave him only after a beating that almost kill me. I went to an emergency shelter with my baby, who shortly after this was diagnosed with a severe form of autism. From that moment on, everything shifted toward my son's special needs and providing stability to him. It took me years to be able to leave the shelter system and get my own apartment where I can raise my son in safety.

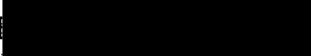
10. Today, my son is a nine-year-old U.S. citizen that is absolutely dependent on me, and I am entirely devoted to his care and wellbeing. If I were removed from the United States, not only I would suffer extreme hardship, but also most importantly, my son would. In the Dominican Republic, the specialized services that my son receives on a weekly basis are not available, and if my son were to remain in the U.S. without me, he would have to be under his father's care who is abusive and violent. I have not been in the Dominican Republic since 2002 when I was 14 years old; therefore, I have no connections or support system there.

11. I have endured years of instability and pain. The trauma I experienced still impacts me, and I know I have made mistakes that I deeply regret. I have sought out therapy for my mental health and healing, but unfortunately, I have never been able to pursue therapy consistently due to my son's needs and lack of childcare support. It is my hope that if I am granted this waiver, I will be able to gain the necessary stability and support to fully engage in therapy and finally complete the healing process. At this time, I am thankful for my dedicated team at Sanctuary for Families, a nonprofit organization that supports survivors of human trafficking like myself. Thanks to this organization, I was paired with trauma-informed attorneys, a case manager and therapeutic services. I pray that the above incidents can be forgiven and I can remain in the United States and work to be able to support my son and give him the best life that I can.

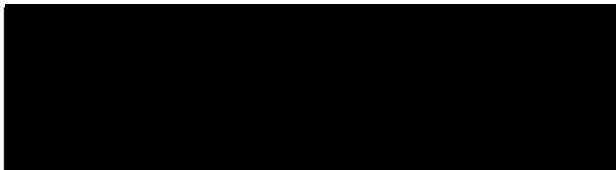
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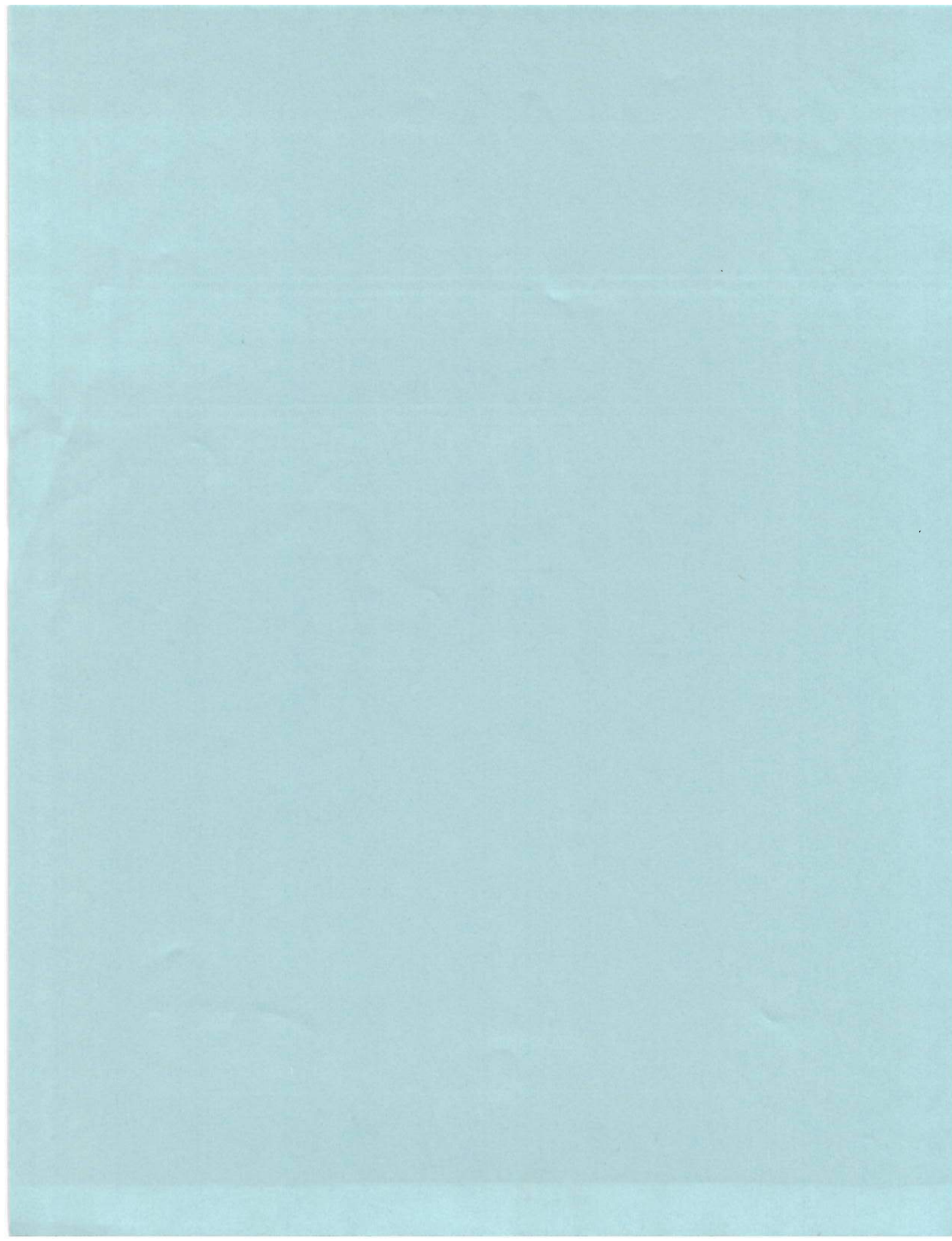
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Dated: March 29, 2023



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20	https://www.thegrowingdutchman.com/painting-light-in-el-capotillo/ Article describing Capotillo as “worst Barrio of Santo Domingo”				X		



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REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA
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No. Evento
001-02-2007-01-00179858
Mun. O.C. Año Reg. No.

ACTA INEXTENSA DE NACIMIENTO

(Art. 99 Ley No.659, del 17-7-1944)

CERTIFICAMOS: Que en la Oficialía del Estado Civil de la 2DA. CIRCUNSCRIPCION, DISTRITO NACIONAL, registrado el Ocho del mes de Noviembre del año Mil Novecientos Ocho y Ocho (08/11/1988), se encuentra inscrito en el Libro No. 02135 de registros de NACIMIENTO, DECLARACIÓN TARDÍA, Folio No. 0023, Acta No. 009723, Año 1988, el registro perteneciente a:

**** [REDACTED] ****

De sexo **FEMENINO**, nacida en Hosp. Mat., Santo Domingo, D.N. el [REDACTED]

DECLARA:

[REDACTED], quien es El Padre, país de nacionalidad República Dominicana, Cédula de Identidad No. 434738-001

PADRE:

[REDACTED] país de nacionalidad República Dominicana, nacido el Diez del mes de Abril del año Mil Novecientos Sesenta y Cuatro (10/04/1964), lugar de nacimiento Sto. Dgo., D.N., Soltero, de ocupación Obrero(a), Cédula de Identidad [REDACTED]

MADRE:

[REDACTED] país de nacionalidad República Dominicana, nacida el Doce del mes de Mayo del año Mil Novecientos Sesenta y Tres (12/05/1963), lugar de nacimiento Monte Plata, Soltera, de ocupación Estudiante [REDACTED]

ANOTACIONES:

RATIFICACION: RATIFICADA POR SENTENCIA DE FECHA 01-08-1989, EXP. 5020-1989.-

~~~~~ No más información debajo de esta línea ~~~~~



El presente documento se expide a petición de la parte interesada en SANTO DOMINGO, DISTRITO NACIONAL

República Dominicana, hoy día DOS (2) del mes de JULIO

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*[Signature]*  
**MIRIAM TERESA SUÁREZ CONTRERAS**  
DIRECTORA DE LA OFICINA CENTRAL DEL ESTADO CIVIL

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**UNABRIDGED BIRTH CERTIFICATE**  
(Art. 99 Law No. 659 of 7/17/1944)

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**WE CERTIFY:** That in the Civil Registry Office of the 2<sup>d</sup> CIRCUMSCRIPTION, NATIONAL DISTRICT, registered on the Eight of the month of November of the year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Eight (08/11/1988), is recorded in Book No. 02135 of records of **BIRTH, UNTIMELY REGISTRATION**, Page No. 0023, Certificate No. 009723, Year 1988, the entry belonging to:

[REDACTED]  
Of the FEMALE sex, born in Hosp. Mat. Santo Domingo, D.N. on the [REDACTED]  
of the year [REDACTED]

**INFORMANT:** [REDACTED] who is the father; country of nationality:  
Dominican Republic; Identity and Electoral Card No. [REDACTED]

**FATHER:** [REDACTED] country of nationality: Dominican Republic; born  
on the Tenth of the month of [REDACTED]  
place of birth: Santo Domingo, D.N.; single; occupation: laborer; Identity and Electoral Card No.  
[REDACTED]

**MOTHER:** [REDACTED] country of nationality: Dominican Republic; born  
on the [REDACTED]  
place of birth: Monte Plata; single; occupation: student; Identity and Electoral Card No. [REDACTED]  
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**Notes:**

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VITAL RECORDS CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

DATE FILED

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

CERTIFICATE NO. 156-13-066495

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| 1. NAME OF CHILD
(First, Middle, Last) | | | |
| 2. SEX
Male | 3a. NUMBER DELIVERED of this pregnancy
1 | 4a. DATE OF CHILD'S BIRTH
(Month) (Day) (Year - yyyy) | 4b. Time
01:18 AM |
| 5. PLACE OF BIRTH | 5a. NEW YORK CITY BOROUGH
Bronx | 5b. Name of Hospital or other facility (if not facility, street address)
North Central Bronx Hospital | |
| 5c. TYPE OF PLACE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital
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<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic/Doctor's Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Delivery: Planned to deliver at home? | | |
| 6a. MOTHER/PARENT'S NAME (Prior to first marriage)
(First, Middle, Last) SEX M X F | 6b. MOTHER/PARENT'S DATE OF BIRTH
(Month) (Day) (Year - yyyy) | 6c. MOTHER/PARENT'S BIRTHPLACE
City & State or foreign country
Dominican Republic | |
| 7. MOTHER/PARENT'S USUAL RESIDENCE
a. State NY | 7c. City or town
Bronx | 7d. Street and number
[REDACTED] | 7e. Inside city limits of 7c?
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8a. FATHER/PARENT'S NAME (Prior to first marriage)
(First, Middle, Last) SEX X M F | 8b. FATHER/PARENT'S DATE OF BIRTH
(Month) (Day) (Year - yyyy) | 8c. FATHER/PARENT'S BIRTHPLACE
City & State or foreign country
Puerto Rico | |
| 9a. NAME OF ATTENDANT AT DELIVERY
Koxanne Connell | | 9b. I CERTIFY THAT THIS CHILD WAS BORN ALIVE AT THE PLACE, DATE AND TIME GIVEN | |
| Signed <u>Joan Laing</u>
Name of Signer <u>Joan Laing</u>
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| Mother/Parent's Current (First, Middle, Last)
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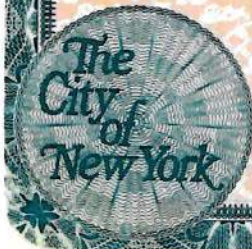
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Given Names/ Nombres [REDACTED]

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September 12, 2019

Nora Cronin, Esq.
Human Trafficking Coordinator
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
317 Lenox Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10027

Re: OTDA Tracking Number [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Cronin:

On September 9, 2019 Sanctuary for Families of New York City (SFF), seeking confirmation of [REDACTED] as a victim of human trafficking under Social Services Law Article 10-D, sent a Referral of Human Trafficking Victim form to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

From September 9 through September 12, 2019, DCJS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), and SFF consulted one another concerning this notification and, after our review, I confirm [REDACTED] as appearing to meet the criteria set forth in Social Services Law § 483-cc (b). Because Ms. [REDACTED] appears to be a victim of human trafficking under Penal Law § 230.34 she qualifies for this designation.

Very truly yours,

Carl J. Boykin
Director of Human Trafficking



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February 6, 2023

Dear USCIS Officer,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a Program Director at Sanctuary for Families and submit this letter in support of [REDACTED]'s application for T nonimmigrant status. In my professional opinion as a clinician, [REDACTED] is a victim of a severe form of sex trafficking. Based on my prior work with trafficking survivors and people that have experienced trauma, I find that Ms. [REDACTED] is honest and her account is credible.

Established in 1984, Sanctuary for Families ("Sanctuary") is a registered tax-exempt 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization located in New York, NY that represents survivors of gender violence and human trafficking.

I hold a Master of Social Work degree from [REDACTED] University. I have been working with survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other forms of gender based violence for more than 17 years.

I began working with Ms. [REDACTED] on March 2017. At the time, Ms. [REDACTED] had recently escaped her trafficking situation and was a 29 years old, single mother to a son with a severe form of autism. I met with Ms. [REDACTED] on and off for about 2 years. Normally, when I work with a client, I see them once a week. However, due to the level of trauma that Ms. [REDACTED] suffered and the distance from her home to the office, this made it difficult for her to speak so frequently about her experience. In addition, as the sole caretaker of a son with special needs, she prioritized her son's appointments over hers. Over the years, I provided to Ms. [REDACTED] trauma-informed supportive-counseling, which includes feeling identification, affect regulation, motivational interviewing, and working together to identify grounding techniques that help her cope with the symptoms she experiences as a result of her experience of human trafficking. I connected Ms. [REDACTED] with a case manager to help her with her housing needs and I encouraged Ms. [REDACTED] to consult with an attorney to apply for immigration relief, to be able to pursue independence in the future to avoid situations of vulnerability like the one that put her in danger. During the time that she did not receive counseling services from me, she was receiving group and individual counseling services from my colleagues at Sanctuary's Manhattan office, closer to Ms. [REDACTED]'s home at the time.

It is my professional opinion that Ms. [REDACTED] will continue to need ongoing support from trauma-informed specialists, to heal from the severe trauma she endured at the hands of 2 male traffickers, and to avoid re-

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victimization. Currently, she is still very much impacted by the human trafficking she experienced. On January 23, 2023, I spoke to Ms. [REDACTED] and I was able to confirm that she continues to display Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)-like symptoms such as avoidance, negative thoughts about the world, feeling very upset when something reminds her of her past, and high arousal and reactivity.

I believe it will be extremely detrimental if Ms. [REDACTED] is forced to return to the Dominican Republic, a country that she is not familiar with, where she will not be able to access specialized services for survivors of human trafficking to support her healing, her independence and to prevent re-victimization. For the foregoing reasons, I strongly support Ms. [REDACTED]'s application for T nonimmigrant status.

I hereby state the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and ability. If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]@sffny.org, or by mail at [REDACTED]

Regards,

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March 28, 2023

Dear USCIS Officer,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Senior Case Manager in the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families. I submit this letter in support of [REDACTED]'s application for T non-immigrant status.

Sanctuary for Families ("Sanctuary") is New York City's largest service provider, working with survivors of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence, such as human trafficking. We provide our clients with a wide array of services, including legal representation, case management, counseling, shelter services, and advocacy.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree from [REDACTED] College, and I have been working in case management with survivors of human trafficking since January 2021. The goal of case management is to ensure safety and help survivors access resources. This includes navigating public benefits systems, disbursing financial grants available to survivors of human trafficking, finding housing, assisting with job searches, and providing emotional support.

[REDACTED] ("Ms. [REDACTED]") first came to Sanctuary around 2018, and has been receiving case management services since. I have been working with Ms. [REDACTED] since March 2022. Throughout her years receiving services from Sanctuary, Ms. [REDACTED] has always been committed to pursuing her case management goals, and to working alongside her case managers to forge a better life for herself and her son, despite the immense difficulties she has faced.

I was first connected to Ms. [REDACTED] due to an acute housing crisis that she was experiencing. When we began working together in March 2022, Ms. [REDACTED]'s then eight-year-old son was suffering from lead poisoning, caused by long-term exposure to lead paint in the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Ms. Almonte and her son had been living in NYCHA housing since 2017. Having her own apartment was a dream come true to Ms. [REDACTED] who since escaping her trafficker in December 2014, had been living in homeless shelters with her son. This dream became a nightmare in November 2020, when her son was hospitalized for five days due to lead poisoning, and he continued to receive treatment for eight months. During his treatment, Ms. [REDACTED] and her son had no choice but to relocate temporarily while repairs were supposedly being done to remove the lead paint. Despite the months that NYCHA had to complete the repairs, Ms. [REDACTED]'s apartment was still in bad condition when she and her son returned. Throughout this whole process, she has needed to advocate constantly for her family's safety to the building's management, which has also caused her to have a fraught relationship with the NYCHA management, who have not always taken the client's concerns seriously, despite the danger of the living conditions.

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In my experience working closely with Ms. [REDACTED] I have come to see how dedicated she is to forging a better future for herself and her son, which includes moving on from her past trauma and missteps. She feels a strong sense of responsibility for her son's wellbeing and spends much of her time and energy on his care. She schedules her life around his schedule, and he is her main priority. Ms. [REDACTED]'s son, [REDACTED] was diagnosed with severe autism when he was two years old. Ms. [REDACTED] who is a single mother, is the parent who sought appropriate care for her son, including finding doctors, therapists, and a school to meet his needs. Ms. [REDACTED] is the primary caretaker and is the one that has consistently advocated for [REDACTED] to access the intensive programming that he needs to thrive. If Ms. [REDACTED] was removed from the United States ("U.S."), her nine years old U.S. citizen son would lose his mother and caretaker, his primary advocate, and the stability of his family unit. For autistic children, stability is especially important, and [REDACTED]' quality of life would be harmed if he were to lose his mother.

Further, Ms. [REDACTED] has not been to the Dominican Republic in 20 years. If she was forced to return there, Ms. [REDACTED] would lose the specialized trauma informed care that she has access to in the U.S. as a survivor of human trafficking. The care that she has been receiving in the U.S. has supported her path towards healing, and that level of services and expertise does not exist in the Dominican Republic.

I have tremendously enjoyed having the opportunity to work with Ms. [REDACTED] over the past year. I find her dedication to her son, generous spirit, and resiliency despite the severe trauma and hardships she has faced to be inspiring. More than anything, Ms. [REDACTED] wants to provide a good life for her son. She wants to ensure that their apartment is a safe place to live, that he has access to the extra support he needs to learn and grow, and she wants to have a job so that their family unit can be financially stable. I strongly support Ms. [REDACTED]'s application for T non-immigrant status, please don't hesitate to contact me to answer any questions.

Thank you very much,

[REDACTED]
Senior Case Manager, Anti-Trafficking Initiative
Pronouns: she/her

Sanctuary for Families
30 Wall St, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10005

O: [REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]
D: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]

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**BRONX SUPREME CRIMINAL COURT**

265 East 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451

FEE

Court ORI: NY0620153

The People of the State of New York
vs.**Certificate of Disposition**

Docket Number:

Legacy Docket Number:

Defendant DOB: [REDACTED]

Arrest Date: 10/11/2009

Arraignment Date: 11/05/2009

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned has examined the files of the Bronx Supreme Criminal Court concerning the above entitled matter and finds the following:

| Number of Counts | Incident Date | Sentence Charge | Charge Description | Charge Weight | Conviction Type | Conviction/ Sentence Date | Sentence Highlight |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---|
| 1 | 09/30/2009 | PL 240.20
**SEALED
160.55** | Disorderly Conduct | V | Pled Guilty | 11/05/2009 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditional Discharge (1 Years) • Surcharge (MS (\$95.00), CVA (\$25.00) - due 03/02/2010) |

A balance remains due and owing for fines, fees and/or surcharges imposed at sentence.

Charge Weight Key: I=Infraction; V=Violation; AM, BM=Class Misdemeanor; UM=Unclassified Misdemeanor; AF, BF, CF, DF, EF=Class Felony

Dated: December 16, 2022

Chief Clerk/Clerk of the Court
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Pursuant to Judiciary Law § 212.2(z), a certificate of disposition for the public contains only records of convictions, if any, and information about pending cases. All marijuana convictions under PL 221.05, PL 221.10, PL 221.15, PL 221.20, PL 221.35 or PL 221.40—including any appearing on this certificate of disposition—are vacated, dismissed, sealed, and expunged. It is an unlawful discriminatory practice for any entity to make any inquiry about such an expunged conviction or to use such an expunged conviction adversely against an individual in any form of application or otherwise—unless specifically required or permitted to do so by statute. It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice, unless specifically required or permitted by statute, for any person, agency, bureau, corporation or association, including the state and any political subdivision thereof, to make any inquiry about, whether in any form of application or otherwise, or to act upon adversely to the individual involved, any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then pending against that individual which was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, or by an order adjourning the criminal action in contemplation of dismissal, pursuant to section 170.55, 170.56, 210.46, 210.47, or 215.10 of the criminal procedure law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.59 or 160.58 of the criminal procedure law, in connection with the licensing, housing, employment, including volunteer positions, or providing of credit or insurance to such individual; provided, further, that no person shall be required to divulge information pertaining to any arrest or criminal accusation of such individual not then pending against that individual which was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of such individual, as defined in subdivision two of section 160.50 of the criminal procedure law, or by an order adjourning the criminal action in contemplation of dismissal, pursuant to section 170.55 or 170.56, 210.46, 210.47 or 215.10 of the criminal procedure law, or by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 or 160.59 of the criminal procedure law. An individual required or requested to provide information in violation of this subdivision may respond as if the arrest, criminal accusation, or disposition of such arrest or criminal accusation did not occur. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to the licensing activities of governmental bodies in relation to the regulation of guns, firearms and other deadly weapons or in relation to an application for employment as a police officer or peace officer as those terms are defined in subdivisions thirty-three and thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law; provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to an application for employment or membership in any law enforcement agency with respect to any arrest or criminal accusation which was followed by a youthful offender adjudication, as defined in subdivision one of section 720.35 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction for a violation sealed pursuant to section 160.55 of the criminal procedure law, or by a conviction which is sealed pursuant to section 160.58 or 160.59 of the criminal procedure law. For purposes of this subdivision, an action which has been adjourned in contemplation of dismissal, pursuant to section 170.55 or 170.56, 210.46, 210.47 or 215.10 of the criminal procedure law, shall not be considered a pending action, unless the order to adjourn in contemplation of dismissal is revoked and the case is restored to the calendar for further prosecution. [Executive Law 296(16)]

Conviction charges may not be the same as the original arrest charges.

CPL 160.55: Official records related to the arrest and prosecution on file with the Division of Criminal Justice Services, police agencies and/or the prosecutor's office are sealed, however, court records remain available for public inspection.

CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
VS

CERTIFICATE OF DISPOSITION
NUMBER: 127963

Address

BRONX

NY

City

State

Zip

Docket Number: 2

PL 120.00 01 AM,

Arraignment Charges

Date of Birth

NYSID Number

04/30/2010

Date of Arrest/Issue

Summons No:

Case Disposition Information:

| Date | Court Action |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 02/23/2011 | PLED GUILTY & SENTENCE IMPOSED |
| | PG PL 240.20 00 V |
| | CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE=1Y |
| | COMMUNITY SERVICE=1D |
| | ORDER OF PROTECTION=2Y |

Judge
MENNIN, F

Part
A

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AFTER CONVICTION
pursuant to Section 160.55 of the CPL

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE EXCERPT OF THE RECORD ON FILE IN
THIS COURT.

PATE, C
COURT OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL

12/15/2022
DATE

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Pursuant to section 70.15 of the Penal Law, any misdemeanor sentence with a jail term of "1 year", "12 months", or "365 days" is, by operation of law, deemed to be a sentence of 364 days. Any Certificate of Disposition indicating a jail sentence of "1 year", "12 months", "52 weeks", or "365 days" for a misdemeanor conviction shall be interpreted as a sentence of 364 days.

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**BRONX CRIMINAL COURT**

265 E 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451

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 Non-Public
 Version

Court ORI: NY062033J

 The People of the State of New York
 vs.

 Certificate of Disposition
 Docket Number:

 CJTN:
 NYSID:

Defendant DOB:

Arrest Date: 10/26/2022

Arraignment Date: 10/28/2022

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the undersigned has examined the files of the Bronx Criminal Court concerning the above entitled matter and finds the following:

| Count # | Charge | Charge Weight | Disposition | Disposition Date |
|---------|---|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | PL 265.01 02 AM Crim Poss Weap-4th: Int To Use **SEALED 160.55** | AM | Covered by (Count #4) | 10/28/2022 |
| 2 | PL 205.30 AM Resisting Arrest **SEALED 160.55** | AM | Covered by (Count #4) | 10/28/2022 |
| 3 | PL 145.00 01 AM Crim Mis: Intent Damage Proptry **SEALED 160.55** | AM | Covered by (Count #4) | 10/28/2022 |

| Count # | Incident Date | Conviction Charge | Conviction Charge Description | Charge Weight | Conviction Type | Conviction/ Sentence Date | Sentence Highlight |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 4 | 10/26/2022 | PL 240.20 **SEALED 160.55** | Disorderly Conduct | V | Pled Guilty | 10/28/2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surcharge (MS (\$95.00), CVAP (\$25.00) - due 10/28/2022) • Conditional Discharge (1 Years) |

A balance remains due and owing for fines, fees and/or surcharges imposed at sentence.

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Dated: February 15, 2023


 Chief Clerk/Clerk of the Court

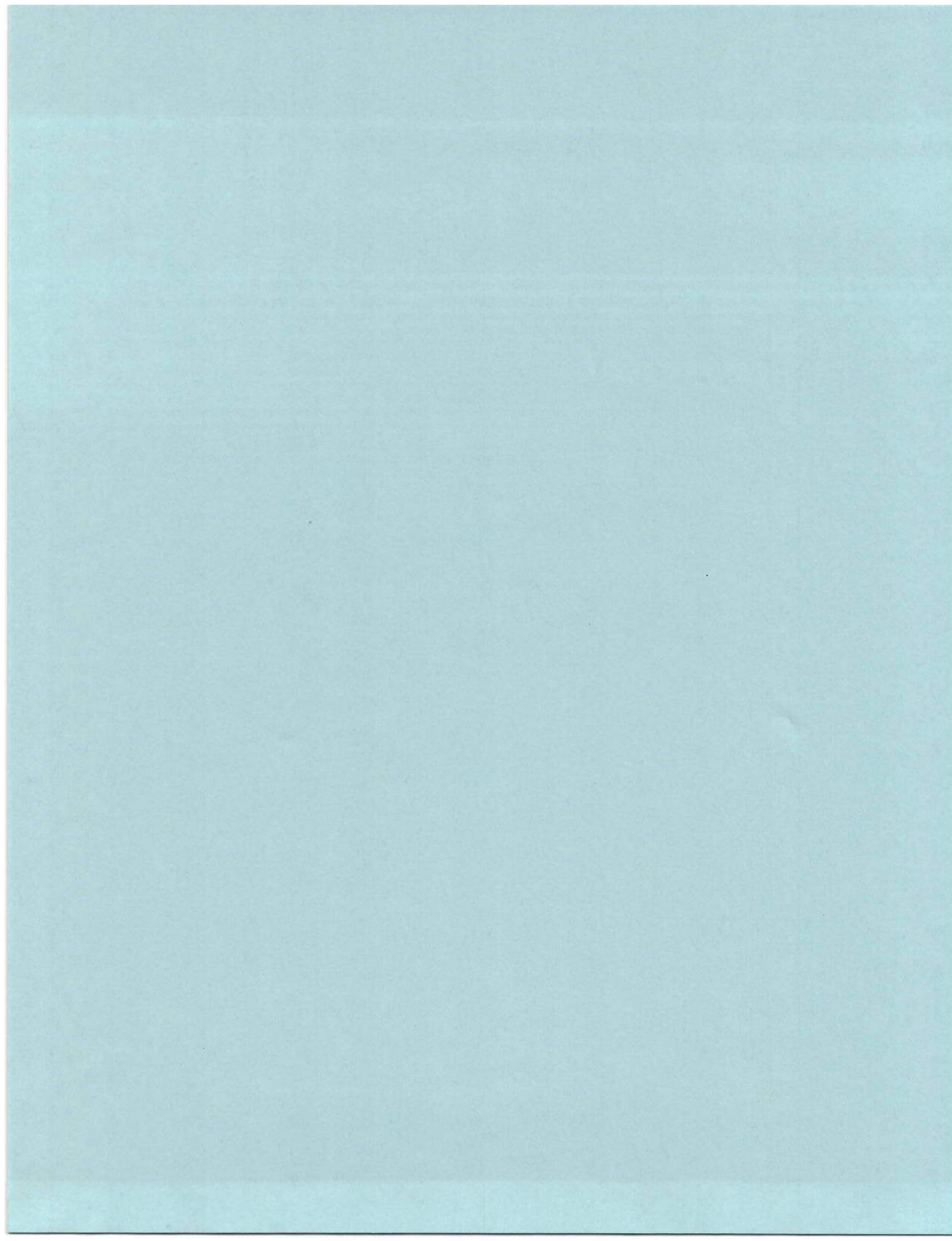
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|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Agency
N.Y.
POLICE
DEPT | ORI
NY03030002 | NYPD DOMESTIC
INCIDENT REPORT | | | Incident #
[REDACTED] | Complaint #
[REDACTED] |
| Date of Report
10/16/2016 | Time of Report
1645 | Date of Occur
10/16/2016 | Time of Occur
1545 | Response Type
RADIO RUN | ICAD #
D16101614343 | ICAD N/A Reason:
[REDACTED] |
| Unfounded
NO | Address of Occurrence
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
52 | PSA | Sector
C |
| Body Worn Camera | | | | | | |
| Victim: ALMONTE, MABEL | | | | | | |
| Victim's Last Name, First M.I.
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | Pct
52 | PSA |
| Sex: FEMALE
Self-identified:
Race: WHITE
Ethnicity: HISPANIC
Language: ENGLISH | | Date of Birth:
Age: 28 | | Home Phone:
[REDACTED]
Other Phone: | | Member of Service: NO |
| SAFE# or way to contact
[REDACTED] | | | | Other Identifier | | |
| Suspect: ZULETA, RICHARD | | | | | | |
| Suspect's Last Name, First M.I.
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | Pct
44 | PSA |
| Sex: MALE
Self-identified:
Race: OTHER
Ethnicity: HISPANIC
Language: ENGLISH | | Date of Birth:
Age: 49 | | Home Phone:
[REDACTED]
Other Phone: | | Member of Service: NO |
| Do suspect and victim live together?
NO | | Suspect (P2) Relationship to Victim (P1):
FORMER INTIMATE/DATING | | Suspect/P2 Present:
NO | | Was suspect injured?
NO |
| Do the suspect and victim have a child in common?
NO | | Possible drug or alcohol use?
YES | | | | Suspect supervised? |
| Victim Interview | | | | | | |
| Emotional condition of VICTIM?
Upset, Nervous, | | | | | | |
| What were the first words that VICTIM said to the Responding Officers at the scene regarding the incident?
"MY HUSBAND HIT ME". | | | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Did suspect make victim fearful? YES FEAR | Weapon Used? | Gun? | Access to Guns? NO | Injured? NO | In Pain? NO |
| Suspect Threats? Victim, | | Strangulation? NO | | Visible Marks? NO | |
| Suspect | | | | | |
| What did the SUSPECT say (Before and After Arrest) :
"WHAT DID T DO". | | | | | |
| 710.30 completed? | | | | | |
| Incident Narrative | | | | | |
| Briefly Describe the circumstances of this incident:
AT T/P/O C/V STATES THAT SHE WAS WITH SOME FAMILY MEMBERS AT HER HOUSE WHEN HER HUSBAND WALKED IN AND CALLED C/V TO THEIR ROOM. C/V STATES THAT HER HUSBAND STARTED TO PUNCH HER WITH A CLOSED FIST ON HER LEFT SIDE OF HER FACE, CAUSING C/V TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL PAIN ON HER LEFT SIDE OF EAR. C/V HAS NO VISIBLE MARKINGS. C/V REFUSED MEDICAL ATTENTION. C/V IS SEEKING AN ORDER OF PROTECTION. | | | | | |
| DIR Repository checked
YES | Order of Protection Registry checked?
YES | Order of Protection in effect?
YES | Order of Protection Type?
Stay Away | | |
| Evidence | | | | | |
| Evidence Present
NO | Photos Taken: | Other Evidence: | Destruction of Property? | | |
| Offense | | | | | |
| Offense Committed?: | Was suspect arrested?:
NO | Non Arrest Reason
OFF SCENE | | | |
| Offense Description
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ADMINI | Law
748 | Section
21550 | Charged | Offenses Involved
MISDEMEANOR | Attempted/Completed
COMPLETED |
| Prior History | | | | | |
| Describe Victim's prior domestic incidents with this suspect (Last, Worst, First):
EXTENSIVE DV HISTORY. | | | | | |
| Has Suspect ever: | | | | | |
| If the Victim answers "yes" to any questions in this box refer to the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 1-800-942-6906 or Local Domestic Violence Service Provider. | | | | | Local Domestic Violence Service Provider Phone No. |
| Threatened to kill you or your children?
YES | Strangled or "choked" you?
YES | Beaten you while you were pregnant?
YES | Is suspect capable of killing you or children?
YES | Is suspect violently and constantly jealous of you? | Has the physical violence increased in frequency or |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | YES | severity over the past 6 months?
NO | |
| Interpreter | | | | | |
| Interpreter Used | Interpreter Requested | Interpreter's Last Name, First | | Internet Service Provider | |
| Statement Completed | | | Language | Other Language | |
| Statement of Allegations/Supporting Desposition
YO ESTABA EN LA IGLESIA Y EL SE APARECIO DE LA NADA Y FUE Y HABLO CON EL NINO YO LLAME LA POLICIA EL SE FUE Y YO ME BINE A MI CASA. | | | | | |
| Is there reasonable cause to suspect a child may be the victim of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or endangerment? | | | | | |
| Was DIR given to the victim at scene?
YES | If No, Why?: | Was Victim Rights Notice given to victim
YES | If No, Why?: | Entered By TaxID
896564 | Entered By Date
10/17/2016 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jurisdiction
N.Y. POLICE DEPT | Name
LLUVERES, IDELISSA | Rank
POF | Tax ID
957774 | Date
10/17/2016 |
| Detective Assigned: | Name | | Rank | Tax ID | Date |
| Supervisor Sign-off: | Name
CRESPO, ANGEL | | Rank
SGT | Tax ID
944472 | Date
10/19/2016 |



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| Agency
N.Y.
HOUSING
POLICE | ORI
NY03030002 | NYPD DOMESTIC
INCIDENT REPORT | | | Incident #
[REDACTED] | | Complaint #
[REDACTED] | |
| Date of
Report
12/06/2022 | Time of
Report
1640 | Date of
Occur
12/06/2022 | Time
of
Occur
1610 | Response
Type
RADIO
RUN | ICAD #
[REDACTED] | ICAD N/A
Reason: | Other Reason: | |
| Unfounded
NO | Address of Occurrence
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
49 | PSA
999 | Name of
Development
PARKSIDE | Sector
C | Body
Worn
Camera |
| Victim: MABEL, ALMONTE | | | | | | | | |
| Victim's Last Name, First
M.I.
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
49 | PSA
999 | |
| Sex: FEMALE
Self-Identified:
Race: BLACK
Ethnicity: HISPANIC
Language: ENGLISH | | Date of Birth:
[REDACTED]
Age: 34 | | Home Phone: [REDACTED]
Other Phone: | | Member of Service:
NO | | |
| SAFE# or way to contact | | | | Other Identifier | | | | |
| Drug Use? | | Drug
Type | Other: | | Alcohol Use? | | Alcohol
Describe | |
| Suspect: ZULETA, RICHARD | | | | | | | | |
| Suspect's Last
Name, First M.I..
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
44 | PSA | |
| Sex: MALE
Self-Identified:
Race: BLACK
Ethnicity:
HISPANIC
Language:
ENGLISH | | Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Age: 55 | | Home Phone:
Other Phone: | | Member of
Service: NO | | |
| Do suspect and victim live
together?
NO | | Suspect (P2)
Relationship to Victim
(P1):
FORMER
INTIMATE/DATING | | | Suspect/P2 Present:
YES | | Was suspect
injured?
NO | |
| Drug Use?
NO | | Drug Type | Other: | | Alcohol Use?
NO | | Alcohol
Describe | |
| Do the suspect and victim have
a child in common?
YES | | Possible drug or alcohol
use? | | | If yes, describe drug
or alcohol | | Suspect
supervised?
. Not Supervised | |
| Victim Interview | | | | | | | | |

Emotional condition of VICTIM?

Upset,

What were the first words that VICTIM said to the Responding Officers at the scene regarding the incident?

Did suspect make victim fearful?

Weapon Used?

Gun:

Access to Guns?
NO

Injured? NO

In Pain? NO

Suspect Threats? Victim,

Strangulation? NO

Visible Marks? NO

Suspect**What did the SUSPECT say (Before and After Arrest) :**

710.30 completed?

Child/Witness

Person's Last Name, First M.I.

Alias

Address

Relationship

Date of Birth

Phone

PCT

Sector

PSA

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0

Incident Narrative**Briefly Describe the circumstances of this incident:**

AT TPO P1 STATES THAT P2 STARTED A VERBAL ARGUMENT WITH HER AND DURING THAT VERBAL ARGUMENT HE ANCOUREDGED THEY'RE A YEAR OLD SON TO HIT HER AND SAY DISRESPECTFUL THINGS.

DIR Repository
checked
YESOrder of Protection Registry
checked?
YESOrder of Protection in
effect?
NOOrder of Protection
Type?**Evidence**Evidence Present
NO

Photos Taken:

Other Evidence:

Destruction of Property?

Prior History**Describe Victim's prior domestic incidents with this suspect (Last, Worst, First):**

PRIORS AT DIR'S LAST 1 WEEK AGO

WORST C/V DOES NOT REMEMBER.

UNK FOR FIRST INCIDENT.

Has Suspect ever:**If the Victim answers "yes" to any questions in this box refer to the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 1-800-942-6906 or Local Domestic Violence Service Provider.****Local Domestic
Violence Service
Provider Phone No.**Threatened to
kill you or your
children?
NOStrangled
or "choked"
you?
NOBeaten you
while you
were
pregnant?
NOIs suspect
capable of
killing you or
children?
YESIs suspect
violently and
constantly
jealous of you?
YESHas the physical
violence increased
in frequency or
severity over the
past 6 months?
YES**Interpreter**

| | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Interpreter Used | Interpreter Requested | Interpreter's Last Name, First | Internet Service Provider | | |
| Statement Completed | | | Language | Other Language | |
| Statement of Allegations/Supporting Desposition
AFTER I COOK MY BABY DADDY STAR A ARGUMENT OVER A PHONE I TOLD HIM I WAS GOING TO GIVE HIM. I TOLD HIM TO WAIT BUT STAR ARGUING IN FRONT OF MY SON WISH LEAD TO MY SON HITTING ME AND I CALL THE COP'S
1) UNKNOWN JOB AT THE MOMENT
2) NO KNOWN VEHICLE
3) SOCIAL MEDIA RIGHT LOVE TO
4) KNOWN TO HANGOUT AT HIS RESIDENCE | | | | | |
| Is there reasonable cause to suspect a child may be the victim of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or endangerment? | | | | | |
| Was DIR given to the victim at scene?
YES | If No, Why?: | Was Victim Rights Notice given to victim
YES | If No, Why?: | Entered By
TaxID
952476 | Entered By
Date
12/07/2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jurisdiction
N.Y. POLICE DEPT | Name
JEGEDE , ADETOKUNBO | Rank
POM | Tax ID
969825 | Date
12/07/2022 |
| Detective Assigned: | Name | | Rank | Tax ID | Date |
| Supervisor Sign-off: | Name
GUTIERREZ , CHRISTIAN | | Rank
SGT | Tax ID
951799 | Date
12/08/2022 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Agency
N.Y.
HOUSING
POLICE | ORI
NY03030002 | NYPD DOMESTIC
INCIDENT REPORT | | | Incident #
[REDACTED] | Complaint #
[REDACTED] | | |
| Date of Report
11/05/2020 | Time of Report
1820 | Date of Occur
10/12/2020 | Time of Occur
1930 | Response Type
RADIO
RUN | ICAD #
[REDACTED] | ICAD N/A Reason: | Other Reason: | |
| Unfounded
NO | Address of Occurrence
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
49 | PSA | Name of Development | Sector
C | Body Worn Camera |
| Victim: ALMONTE, MABEL | | | | | | | | |
| Victim's Last Name, First M.I.
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
49 | PSA | |
| Sex: FEMALE
Self-Identified:
Race: OTHER
Ethnicity: HISPANIC
Language: ENGLISH | | Date of Birth:
[REDACTED]
Age: 32 | | Home Phone:
Other Phone: | | Member of Service:
NO | | |
| SAFE# or way to contact | | | | Other Identifier | | | | |
| Drug Use? | | Drug Type | Other: | | Alcohol Use? | Alcohol Describe | | |
| Suspect: ZULETA, RICAR | | | | | | | | |
| Suspect's Last Name, First M.I.
[REDACTED] | | Alias | Address
[REDACTED] | | | Pct
44 | PSA | |
| Sex: MALE
Self-Identified:
Race: BLACK
Ethnicity: HISPANIC
Language: ENGLISH | | Date of Birth:
Age: 53
[REDACTED] | | Home Phone:
Other Phone: | | Member of Service: NO | | |
| Do suspect and victim live together?
NO | | Suspect (P2) Relationship to Victim (P1):
FORMER INTIMATE/DATING | | | Suspect/P2 Present:
NO | | Was suspect injured?
NO | |
| Drug Use?
NO | | Drug Type | Other: | | Alcohol Use?
NO | | Alcohol Describe | |
| Do the suspect and victim have a child in common?
YES | | Possible drug or alcohol use? | | | If yes, describe drug or alcohol | | Suspect supervised? | |
| Victim Interview | | | | | | | | |

Emotional condition of VICTIM?

Upset,

What were the first words that VICTIM said to the Responding Officers at the scene regarding the incident?

| | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Did suspect make victim fearful?
YES - | Weapon
Used? | Gun: | Access to Guns?
NO | Injured?
NO | In Pain?
NO |
| Suspect Threats? Victim, | | Strangulation? NO | | Visible Marks? NO | |

Suspect**What did the SUSPECT say (Before and After Arrest) :**

710.30 completed?

Child/Witness

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------------|-------|----------|--------|----------|
| Person's Last Name,First M.I. | Alias | Address | Relationship | Date of Birth | Phone | PCT
0 | Sector | PSA
0 |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------------|-------|----------|--------|----------|

Incident Narrative**Briefly Describe the circumstances of this incident:**

AT TPO P1 STATES SHE WAS HAVING A VERBAL DISPUTE W/ P2 IN REGARDS TO THEIR SON AND VERBALLY THREATENED P1, P1 FEEL FEARFUL FOR HER LIFE. P2 LEFT THE LOCATION BEFORE PD ARRIVED. NO INJURIES. P2 HAS NO CAR, WORKS AT OCEAN CONSTRUCTION, FACEBOOK RICHARLOVE AND HANGS OUT AROUND HIS HOUSE.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| DIR Repository
checked
NO | Order of Protection
Registry checked?
NO | Order of Protection in
effect?
NO | Order of Protection
Type? |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|

Evidence

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Evidence Present | Photos Taken: | Other Evidence: | Destruction of Property? |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|

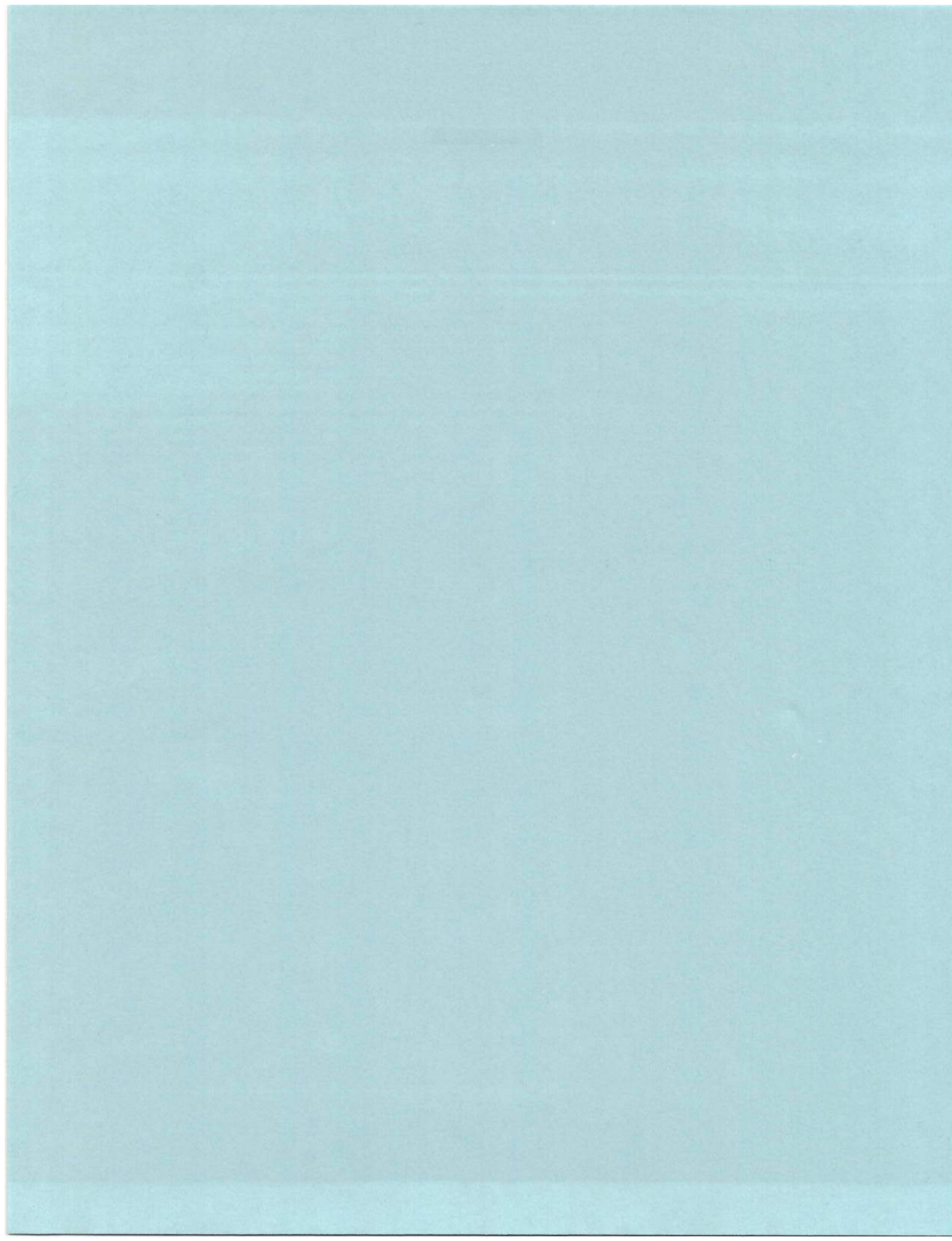
Offense

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Offense
Committed?:
YES | Was suspect
arrested?:
NO | Non Arrest Reason
VIOLATION LEVEL | | |
| Offense Description
HARRASSMENT 2 | Law
638 | Section
24026 | Charged
Offenses
Involved
VIOLATION | Attempted/Completed
COMPLETED |

Prior History**Describe Victim's prior domestic incidents with this suspect (Last, Worst, First):****Has Suspect ever:**

| | |
|---|--|
| If the Victim answers "yes" to any questions in this box refer to the NYS Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 1-800-942-6906 or Local Domestic Violence Service Provider. | Local Domestic
Violence Service
Provider Phone No. |
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|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Threatened to kill you or your children?
YES | Strangled or "choked" you?
NO | Beaten you while you were pregnant?
NO | Is suspect capable of killing you or children?
NO | Is suspect violently and constantly jealous of you?
YES | Has the physical violence increased in frequency or severity over the past 6 months?
YES |
| Interpreter | | | | | |
| Interpreter Used | Interpreter Requested | Interpreter's Last Name, First | | Internet Service Provider | |
| Statement Completed | | | | Language | Other Language |
| Statement of Allegations/Supporting Desposition
MY SON'S FATHER TOOK HIM YESTERDAY VERY VIOLENT AND BRING HIM BACK TODAY AND CONTINUU WITH THE ARGUMENT IN FRONT OF ELIAS MY 7 YEAR OLD SON TODAY HE SAY HE WAS GOING TO HERT ME AND IM AFRAID I TOLD HIM MY NEIBOR TO CALL THE POLICE FOR ME THIS CANT CONTINUE IN FRONT OF MY SON. | | | | | |
| Is there reasonable cause to suspect a child may be the victim of abuse, neglect, maltreatment or endangerment? | | | | | |
| Was DIR given to the victim at scene?
YES | If No, Why?: | Was Vlctim Rights Notice given to victim
YES | If No, Why?: | Entered By
TaxID
937886 | Entered By
Date
11/08/2020 |
| Reporting Officer: | Jurisdiction
N.Y. POLICE DEPT | Name
WALLACE , BRIAN | Rank
POM | Tax ID
965609 | Date
11/08/2020 |
| Detective Assigned: | Name | | Rank | Tax ID | Date |
| Supervisor Sign-off: | Name
FEIGENBAUM , MATTHEW | | Rank
SGT | Tax ID
945711 | Date
11/09/2020 |



**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX**

In the Matter of a Family Offense Proceeding

File #:

Docket #:

Petitioner,

**FAMILY OFFENSE
PETITION**

- against -

Respondent.

TO THE FAMILY COURT:

The undersigned Petitioner respectfully states that:

I, [REDACTED] reside at¹ *** Address Confidential***.

The Respondent, [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Bronx, NY 10455.

The Respondent and I are related in the following way: I have a child-in-common with the Respondent.

The Respondent committed the following family offenses against me and/or my children which constitute attempted assault, assault in the second or third degree, aggravated harassment in the second degree, harassment in the first or second degree, disorderly conduct, menacing in the second or third degree, reckless endangerment, stalking, criminal mischief, sexual abuse in the second or third degree², sexual misconduct, forcible touching, strangulation, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, identity theft in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree, grand larceny in 3rd or 4th degree, and coercion in 2nd degree [Penal Law §135.60 (1),(2) or(3)].

Describe each incident: starting with the most recent incident: September 23, 2016 location of each incident; specify all injuries and if any weapons where used. at 05:30P.M. at resp's residence: Petr states that resp gave her an extremely difficult time when picking up their child from his custody. Petr states that resp pushed her and threw her to the floor in front of their child.

I have filed a criminal complaint concerning these incidents: The petr has filed police domestic incident reports. A true copy is attached.

¹If your health or safety or that of your child or children would be put at risk by disclosure of your address or other identifying information, you may apply to the Court for an address confidentiality order by submitting General Form GF-21, which is available on-line at www.nycourts.gov. See Family Court Act § 154-b.

²Where victim is incapable of consent for reason other than being under age 17 [Penal Law § 130.60(1)].

The following children live with me [including children that are not mine]:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Relationship to Me</u> | <u>Relationship to Respondent</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| [REDACTED] | | Child | Child |

The Respondent has acted in a way which I consider dangerous or threatening to me, my children, a member of my family or household or person with whom I have or had an intimate relationship, in addition to the incident(s) described in above, as follows: Petr states that resp has made it difficult for her, whenever she picks up their child from his custody. They have constant arguments and in the past there have been physical altercations. Petr states that resp has been abusive towards her for many years. Petr is fearful for her safety and that of her child.

I have not made any previous application to any court or judge for the relief requested in this petition.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to:

- adjudge the Respondent to have committed the family offenses alleged;
 - enter an order of protection, specifying conditions of behavior to be observed by the Respondent in accordance with Section 842 of the Family Court Act:
1. The respondent to stay away from the Petitioner and the Petitioner's children, wherever they may be.
 2. The respondent to stay away from the Petitioner's home, school and her place of employment.
 3. The respondent to stay away from the Petitioner's Children's schools, after school centers, activities and/or babysitters.
 4. The respondent not to interfere with the petitioner's care and custody of the Petitioner's children.
 5. The respondent not to assault, harass, menace, stalk, or engage in any other criminal acts towards the Petitioner or the Petitioner's children.
 6. The respondent not to contact the Petitioner or the Petitioner's children, neither directly not through any third party, via telephone, e-mail or any other electric device.
- enter a finding of aggravated circumstances;
 - order such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: September 30, 2016

[REDACTED]

Petitioner

ORI No: [REDACTED]

Order No: [REDACTED]

NYSID No: [REDACTED]

At a term of the Family Court of the State of New York,
held in and for the County of Bronx, at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx,
NY 10451, on September 30, 2016

PRESENT: Jennifer S. Burt Esq., Court Attorney Referee**In the Matter of a FAMILY OFFENSE Proceeding**

(DOB: [REDACTED])
Petitioner

File # [REDACTED]

Docket # [REDACTED]

Temporary Order of Protection

- against -

(DOB: [REDACTED])
Respondent

Ex Parte

NOTICE: YOUR FAILURE TO OBEY THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO MANDATORY ARREST AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, WHICH MAY RESULT IN YOUR INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SEVEN YEARS FOR CRIMINAL CONTEMPT, AND/OR MAY SUBJECT YOU TO FAMILY COURT PROSECUTION AND INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO SO, THIS ORDER MAY BE EXTENDED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND THEN CONTINUES IN EFFECT UNTIL A NEW DATE SET BY THE COURT.

THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT EVEN IF THE PROTECTED PARTY HAS, OR CONSENTS TO HAVE, CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTY AGAINST WHOM THE ORDER IS ISSUED. THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION CAN ONLY BE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THE COURT. THE PROTECTED PARTY CANNOT BE HELD TO VIOLATE THIS ORDER NOR BE ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER.

A petition under Article 8 of the Family Court Act, having been filed on September 30, 2016 in this Court and good cause having been shown, and Richard Zuleta having been not present in Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Richard Zuleta (DOB:10/04/1967) observe the following conditions of behavior:

[01] Stay away from:

[A] [REDACTED]

[A] [REDACTED] except for Court ordered visitation;

[B] the home of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[C] the school of [REDACTED] including any and all baby sitters, day care and afterschool programs; except for Court ordered visitation;

[E] the place of employment of [REDACTED];

[14] Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with [REDACTED];

[14] Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with [REDACTED] except for Court ordered visitation;

[02] Refrain from assault, stalking, harassment, aggravated harassment, menacing, reckless endangerment, strangulation, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, intimidation, threats, identity theft, grand larceny, coercion or any criminal offense against [REDACTED] and [REDACTED];

[99] Observe such other conditions as are necessary to further the purposes of protection: New York City Sheriff to assist with service;

It is further ordered that this temporary order of protection shall remain in force until and including November 04, 2016, but if you fail to appear in court on this date, the order may be extended and continue in effect until a new date set by the Court.

Dated: September 30, 2016

ENTER


Jennifer S. Burt
20160930 173236URT07361768 JAC48734470024754F082
Jennifer S. Burt Esq., Court Attorney Referee

Next Appearance Date: 11/04/2016 at 11:00 AM - Honorable Catherine Marie Guido, Part 49

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT, 35 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE ORDER TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.

The Family Court Act provides that presentation of a copy of this order of protection to any police officer or peace officer acting pursuant to his or her special duties authorizes, and sometimes requires such officer to arrest a person who is alleged to have violated its terms and to bring him or her before the court to face penalties authorized by law.

Federal law requires that this order is effective outside, as well as inside, New York State. It must be honored and enforced by state and tribal courts, including courts of a state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, if the person restrained by the order is an intimate partner of the protected party and has or will be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with state law sufficient to protect due process rights (18 U.S.C §§ 2265, 2266).

It is a federal crime to:

- cross state lines to violate this order or to stalk, harass or commit domestic violence against an intimate partner or family member;
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition while this Order remains in effect (Note: there is a limited exception for military or law enforcement officers but only while they are on duty) ; and
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition after a conviction of a domestic violence-related crime involving the use or attempted use of physical force or a deadly weapon against an intimate partner or family member, even after this Order has expired (18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(8), 922(g)(9), 2261, 2261A, 2262).

Check Applicable Box(es):

☐ Party against whom order was issued was advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order

☐ Order personally served in Court upon party against whom order was issued

☒ Service directed by Police Service

☐ [Modifications or extensions only]: Order mailed on [specify date and to whom mailed]:

☐ Warrant issued for party against whom order was issued [specify date]: _____

☐ ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION [specify]: _____

NOTICE: The English language text constitutes the actual Order of Protection; the Spanish translation is provided to assist parties with limited English proficiency.
(La versión en inglés es la Orden de Protección actual; la traducción al español se ha proporcionado para ayudar a las partes que tengan limitaciones en su dominio del inglés.)

ORI No (Núm. de ORI): [REDACTED]

Order No (Núm de la Orden): [REDACTED]

NYSID No (Núm de NYSID): [REDACTED]

At a term of the (En una Sala del Tribunal de) Family Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Bronx, at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451, on November 04, 2016

PRESENT (Presente): Catherine Marie Guido, Court Attorney Referee

In the Matter of a FAMILY OFFENSE Proceeding

(En Materia de un Procedimiento de OFENSA CONTRA LA FAMILIA / OFENSA FAMILIAR)

File # (Núm de Unidad de Familia) [REDACTED]

Docket # (Núm de Expediente) [REDACTED]

Temporary Order of Protection
(ORDEN DE PROTECCIÓN PROVISIONAL)

[REDACTED]
Petitioner (Demandante)

- against - (- contra -)

Both Parties Present in Court
(Ambas Partes Presentes ante el Tribunal)

[REDACTED]
Respondent(Demandado/a)

NOTICE: YOUR FAILURE TO OBEY THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO MANDATORY ARREST AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, WHICH MAY RESULT IN YOUR INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SEVEN YEARS FOR CRIMINAL CONTEMPT, AND/OR MAY SUBJECT YOU TO FAMILY COURT PROSECUTION AND INCARCERATION FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IN COURT WHEN YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO SO, THIS ORDER MAY BE EXTENDED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND THEN CONTINUES IN EFFECT UNTIL A NEW DATE SET BY THE COURT.

THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT EVEN IF THE PROTECTED PARTY HAS, OR CONSENTS TO HAVE, CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PARTY AGAINST WHOM THE ORDER IS ISSUED. THIS ORDER OF PROTECTION CAN ONLY BE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED BY THE COURT. THE PROTECTED PARTY CANNOT BE HELD TO VIOLATE THIS ORDER NOR BE ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER.

(AVISO: SI NO OBEDECE ESTA ORDEN, USTED PUEDE ESTAR SUJETO A ARRESTO OBLIGATORIO Y ENCAUSAMIENTO PENAL, LO CUAL PUEDE RESULTAR EN SU ENCARCELAMIENTO POR HASTA SIETE AÑOS POR DESACATO PENAL, Y/O PUEDE RESULTAR EN SU ENCAUSAMIENTO EN EL TRIBUNAL DE FAMILIA Y ENCARCELAMIENTO POR HASTA SEIS MESES POR DESACATO JUDICIAL. SI USTED NO COMPARECE CUANDO ES DEBIDO, ESTA ORDEN SE PUEDE EXTENDER EN SU AUSENCIA Y LUEGO CONTINUARÁ VIGENTE HASTA UNA NUEVA FECHA FIJADA POR EL TRIBUNAL.

ESTA ORDEN DE PROTECCIÓN PERMANECERÁ VIGENTE AÚN SI LA PARTE PROTEGIDA TIENE O CONSIENTE A TENER CONTACTO O COMUNICACIÓN CON LA PARTE EN CONTRA DE QUIEN SE EMITE LA ORDEN. ESTA ORDEN DE PROTECCIÓN SÓLO PUEDE SER MODIFICADA O SUSPENDIDA POR EL TRIBUNAL. LA PARTE PROTEGIDA NO PUEDE SER DECLARADA EN VIOLACIÓN DE ESTA ORDEN NI ARRESTADA POR QUEBRANTAR ESTA ORDEN.)

A petition under Article 8 of the Family Court Act, having been filed on September 30, 2016 (Una petición de conformidad con Article 8 of the Family Court Act, habiendo sido presentada el September 30, 2016) in this Court and good cause having been shown, and [REDACTED] having been (ante este Tribunal y habiéndose demostrado causa suficiente y, [REDACTED] habiendo estado) present in Court and advised of the issuance and contents of this Order (presente ante el Tribunal e informada/o de la emisión y el contenido de esta Orden).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that (Ahora, por lo tanto, por la presente se ordena que) Richard Zuleta (DOB: 10/04/1967) observe the following conditions of behavior (deberá cumplir con las siguientes condiciones de conducta:)

[01] Stay away from:

Manténgase alejado(a) de:

- [A] [REDACTED] Except for Court ordered visitation;
[REDACTED] Except for Court ordered visitation;

[B] the home of [REDACTED]
el hogar de [REDACTED]

[C] the school of [REDACTED] luding any and all baby sitters, day care and afterschool programs;
la escuela de [REDACTED] ncluding any and all baby sitters, day care and afterschool programs;

[E] the place of employment [REDACTED]
el lugar de empleo de [REDACTED]

- [14] Refrain from communication or any other contact by mail, telephone, e-mail, voice-mail or other electronic or any other means with [REDACTED] except for such limited contact as is necessary to effectuate court ordered visitation;;

Absténgase de comunicarse o tener cualquier otro contacto ya sea por correo, por teléfono, correo electrónico, correo de voz u otros medios electrónicos o por cualesquiera otros medios con [REDACTED] except for such limited contact as is necessary to effectuate court ordered visitation;;

- [02] Refrain from assault, stalking, harassment, aggravated harassment, menacing, reckless endangerment, strangulation, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, forcible touching, intimidation, threats, identity theft, grand larceny, coercion or any criminal offense against [REDACTED]

Absténgase de agresión, acecho, acoso, acoso agravado, actos de amenaza, imprudencia temeraria, estrangulación, obstrucción criminal de la respiración o circulación, desorden público, daños dolosos contra la propiedad ajena, abuso sexual, conducta sexual ilícita, tocamiento forzoso, intimidación, amenazas, robo de identidad, hurto mayor, coacción o cualquier delito penal contra [REDACTED]

It is further ordered that this temporary order of protection shall remain in force until and including (ADEMÁS SE ORDENA que esta orden de protección permanecerá vigente hasta e incluyendo) December 21, 2016, but if you fail to appear in court on this date, the order may be extended and continue in effect until a new date set by the Court. (pero si usted no comparece ante el tribunal en esta fecha, la orden se puede extender y continuar vigente hasta una nueva fecha fijada por el tribunal.)

Dated (Con fecha de): November 04, 2016

ENTER


Catherine Marie Guido

Catherine Marie Guido, Court Attorney Referee

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1113 OF THE FAMILY COURT ACT, AN APPEAL FROM THIS ORDER MUST BE TAKEN WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE ORDER BY APPELLANT IN COURT, 35 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF THE ORDER TO APPELLANT BY THE CLERK OF COURT, OR 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE BY A PARTY OR THE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD UPON THE APPELLANT, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.

The Family Court Act provides that presentation of a copy of this order of protection to any police officer or peace officer acting pursuant to his or her special duties authorizes, and sometimes requires such officer to arrest a person who is alleged to have violated its terms and to bring him or her before the court to face penalties authorized by law.

Federal law requires that this order is effective outside, as well as inside, New York State. It must be honored and enforced by state and tribal courts, including courts of a state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, if the person restrained by the order is an intimate partner of the protected party and has or will be afforded reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard in accordance with state law sufficient to protect due process rights (18 U.S.C §§ 2265, 2266).

It is a federal crime to:

- cross state lines to violate this order or to stalk, harass or commit domestic violence against an intimate partner or family member;
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition while this Order remains in effect (Note: there is a limited exception for military or law enforcement officers but only while they are on duty); and
- buy, possess or transfer a handgun, rifle, shotgun or other firearm or ammunition after a conviction of a domestic violence-related crime involving the use or attempted use of physical force or a deadly weapon against an intimate partner or family member, even after this Order has expired (18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(8), 922(g)(9), 2261, 2261A, 2262).

Check Applicable Box(es) [MARQUE LA(S) CASILLA(S) QUE CORRESPONDA(N)]:

- ☒ Party against whom order was issued was advised in Court of issuance and contents of Order
(La parte contra quien la orden fue expedida estuvo presente ante el Tribunal y se le informó en el Tribunal de la emisión y el contenido de la Orden)
- ☒ Order personally served in Court upon party against whom order was issued
(La orden fue entregada personalmente en el Tribunal a la parte contra quien se expidió.)
- ☐ Service directed by other means (Notificación autorizada por otros medios)[specify/ESPECÍFQUE]:
- ☐ [Modifications or extensions only]: Order mailed on [specify date and to whom mailed]:[Modificaciones o extensiones solamente]: La orden fue enviada por correo [especifique la fecha y enviada a] _____
- ☐ Warrant issued for party against whom order was issued (Orden judicial de captura expedida para la parte contra quien la orden fue expedida)[specify date/ESPECÍFQUE LA FECHA]: _____
- ☐ ADDITIONAL SERVICE INFORMATION (Información adicional sobre la notificación)[specify/ESPECÍFQUE]: _____

CONFORME A LA SECCIÓN 1113 DE LA LEY DEL TRIBUNAL DE FAMILIA, UNA APELACIÓN DE ESTA ORDEN DEBERÁ HACERSE EN UN PLAZO DE 30 DÍAS A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE EL APELANTE HAYA RECIBIDO LA ORDEN EN EL TRIBUNAL, 35 DÍAS A PARTIR DE LA FECHA DEL ENVÍO POR CORREO DE LA ORDEN POR EL SECRETARIO JUDICIAL DEL TRIBUNAL AL APELANTE, O 30 DÍAS A PARTIR DE LA NOTIFICACIÓN AL APELANTE POR UNA DE LAS PARTES O POR EL ABOGADO DEL NIÑO, LO QUE OCURRA PRIMERO.

LA LEY DEL TRIBUNAL DE FAMILIA establece que la presentación de una copia de esta orden de protección a cualquier agente de policía o del orden público en ejercicio de sus deberes especiales, autoriza y a veces requiere, que el agente arreste a la persona que se alega haber quebrantado sus términos, y lo conduzca a él o a ella ante el Tribunal para afrontar penas autorizadas por ley.

LA LEY FEDERAL REQUIERE que esta orden sea vigente fuera y dentro del Estado de Nueva York. Se debe acatar y hacer cumplir por tribunales estatales y tribales, incluyendo tribunales de un estado, el Distrito de Columbia, un estado libre asociado, un territorio o una posesión estadounidense, si la persona restringida por la orden es una pareja íntima de la parte protegida y se le ha dado o se le dará aviso razonable y la oportunidad de ser escuchada conforme a la ley estatal, suficiente para proteger los derechos al debido proceso.) (18 U.S.C. §§ 2265, 2266)

ES UN DELITO FEDERAL

- cruzar fronteras estatales para quebrantar esta orden o acechar, acosar o cometer violencia doméstica contra una pareja íntima o un miembro de la familia;
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- comprar, poseer o transferir una pistola o un revólver, rifle, escopeta u otra arma de fuego o munición después de una condena por un delito relacionado con violencia doméstica que implique el uso o la tentativa de uso de fuerza física o de un arma mortífera contra una pareja íntima o un miembro de la familia, aún después de que esta Orden se haya vencido. (18 U.S.C. §§922(g)(8),922(g)(9), 2261, 2261A, 2262).



DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUEENS COUNTY
125-01 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, New York 11415-1568
718-286-6000

Melinda Katz
District Attorney

January 16, 2020

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Please be advised that a review of the records of the Queens County District Attorney's Office indicates that your arrest under arrest number: [REDACTED] arrest date: 01/15/2020, was dismissed by this Office prior to Criminal Court arraignment.

This serves as a final disposition of this arrest number.

A sealing order has been or will be filed by this Office with the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) and the New York City Police Department.

You should confirm with DCJS that this record has been sealed by calling 1-800-262-DCJS or writing to:

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
80 South Swan Street
Albany, New York 12210
Attention: Sealing Unit

Very truly yours,


ANNE-MARIE MULLANEY
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ALL CITY is a health and arts collaborative co-directed by community leaders and longtime associates Juan Tapia, MD and Hugo Martinez. Together, they aim to demonstrate that a collaboration between art and medical practice yields a more authentic dialogue between doctors and patients, which can help people stay healthy and heal. To that end, ALL CITY has assembled a network of medical practitioners, artists and designers to create and run health and arts programs for youth in New York City.

MD

LIC#: 131919

To whom it may concern:

RE:

DOB:

DOV: 12/31/2015

Elias was seen today for a neurodevelopmental evaluation for language and behavioral failure. His diagnosis is autism- very low functioning. He is non-verbal, violent and is in danger to himself and to others.

He needs full-time (40 hours per week) of ABA intervention. Please discontinue speech therapy hours, OT hours, and PT hours and redirect all available resources towards ABA.

Thank you,

, MD

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

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| STUDENT NAME [REDACTED] | DISABILITY CLASSIFICATION: Autism |
| DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED] | CAL ID #: 241705508 |
| PROJECTED DATE IEP IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED: 12/05/2022 | PROJECTED DATE OF ANNUAL REVIEW: 11/22/2023 |

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

DOCUMENTATION OF STUDENT'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

EVALUATION RESULTS (INCLUDING FOR SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS, PERFORMANCE ON STATE AND DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENTS)

Test Scores

Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence-Second Edition (WASI II).

Scale Composite Score Percentile Rank

Verbal Comprehension 96/Average 39

Perceptual Reasoning 92/Average 30

Full Scale 93/Average 32

Woodcock-Johnson Test of Achievement-Fourth Edition (WJ-IV)

*Grade Corrected Scaled Scores

Standard Battery Cluster Standard Scores Percentile Level

Letter-Word Identification 87/Low Average 20%ile level

Passage Comprehension 91/Average 27%ile level

Calculation 83/Low Average 14%ile level

Applied Problems 83/Low Average 13%ile level

Spelling 76/Low 5%ile level

According to iReady Diagnostic Assessment administered 10/3/22

Reading Overall Grade 1 (433) Standard Error +/- 10

Domain Placement

Phonological Awareness* Tested Out

Phonics* Grade 1

PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**DOCUMENTATION OF STUDENT'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS**

High-Frequency Words* Tested Out

Vocabulary Grade 1

Comprehension: Literature Grade 1

Comprehension: Informational Text Grade K

According to iReady Diagnostic Assessment administered 10/12/2022

Math Overall Grade 1 (407) Standard Error +/- 7

Domain Placement

Number and Operations Grade 1

Algebra and Algebraic Thinking Grade 2

Measurement and Data Grade 1

Geometry Grade 1

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE AND LEARNING CHARACTERISTICS

LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPMENT IN SUBJECT AND SKILL AREAS INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, LEVEL OF INTELLECTUAL FUNCTIONING, ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR, EXPECTED RATE OF PROGRESS IN ACQUIRING SKILLS AND INFORMATION, AND LEARNING STYLE:

[REDACTED] is a nine-year-old student who is attending the fourth grade at 10X280. He presented as a pleasant student. He was referred for a mandated three-year annual evaluation. Review of records indicated that [REDACTED] is classified with Autism and attends a Special Class (12:1:1) with counseling and speech as related services as well as a Behavior Support Paraprofessional. Cognitive functioning, as measured by the WASI-II, fell within the Average range with a Composite Score of 93 and a Percentile Rank of 32. Both the Verbal Comprehension and Perceptual Reasoning Scales fell within the Average range with Composite Scores of 96 and a Percentile Rank of 39 and a Composite Score of 92 and a Percentile Rank of 30 respectively indicating an even pattern of development. Test results are considered a valid and reliable indicator of ability levels. [REDACTED] ability to process verbal information was equally developed when compared to his ability to process nonverbal material. Cognitively, it would appear that Elias has the potential to perform on grade level. Academically, WJ-IV results indicated that Elias' scores fell within the Low range in the area of spelling, within the Low Average range in the areas of letter-word identification, applied problems and calculation and within the Average range in the area of reading comprehension. In the classroom, Ms. King reported that [REDACTED] has been doing well, making progress and benefiting from his services.

[REDACTED] is a 4th Grade student in a 12:1:1 setting who receives services for Speech and Language and Counseling as well as a one-to-one paraprofessional for behavioral and emotional support. He is approaching grade level in Math, Reading, and Writing and has already made consistent progress in those areas, as well as in his Social Emotional Learning.

Reading - According to the DRA test given in October 2022, [REDACTED] is currently on a Level 28 (M), which is the end of second grade.

PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**DOCUMENTATION OF STUDENT'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS****Speech and Language:**

[REDACTED] currently receives speech and language therapy once per month to address his receptive language skills. [REDACTED] presents as a respectful and kind student. He enjoys engaging in activities with his peers and demonstrates appropriate attention to tasks. Elias demonstrates satisfactory progress toward answering higher-level thinking questions from listening and reading comprehension passages. The CELF-5 screener was administered on 11/1/22 to measure Elias's overall speech and language skills. Elias received a total score of 15, indicating that his speech-language skills fall in the average range for his age. An additional informal speech-language assessment was administered. Elias demonstrates strengths in his ability to sequence information, compare/contrast, identify context clues, decipher figurative language, and name homophones. He demonstrated difficulty labeling antonyms, synonyms and defining words containing prefixes. In the area of pragmatic language, Elias is eager to initiate conversations with adults and peers. However, he demonstrates off topic behaviors throughout exchanges. Based on observations, conversations with his classroom teacher, and mother, Elias will introduce multiple topics in one conversation. When he is discussing a topic of interest, he will talk for long periods of time and struggles to pick up on social cues and monitor turn taking. Intervention will target Elias's ability to maintain the topic of conversation by taking turns, making relevant comments, asking questions, and demonstrating knowledge of perspective taking. Speech-language services are recommended once per week in a group of students to address his pragmatic language skills.

STUDENT STRENGTHS, PREFERENCES, INTERESTS:

Elias stated that he likes attending school. When asked, he mentioned that his behavior is good. When questioned about friendships, he stated that he has friends in school. He reported that his favorite school subject is science class "because we learn about animals." When asked, he mentioned that he does not have a least favorite school subject. When questioned, Elias mentioned that he is consistent in completing his homework assignments. At home, he enjoys watching T.V. and YouTube. When asked what would he like to do when he grows up, Elias responded "a paleontologist."

ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENT, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT NEEDS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE PARENT:

Elias requires new concepts to be introduced in small steps in order to increase understanding. Repetition of questions and directions along with modeling will allow Elias to understand what is expected of him to start and complete an activity/task. [REDACTED] benefits from extra time to complete assignments and tests. Simplified wording in questions and directions whenever possible can be of great benefit for [REDACTED] to progress academically. Elias works best in small group with the teacher as the facilitator. Modeling and practice of specific tasks that include how to use a graphic organizer is helpful and beneficial to increase understanding of his role in completing the tasks at hand.

Mother is content with progress and would like for services to continue. Mother agreed to submit an ASD Programs application (Nest/Horizon).

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

THE DEGREE (EXTENT) AND QUALITY OF THE STUDENT'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEERS AND ADULTS; FEELINGS ABOUT SELF; AND SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTS:

Social Work Notes: Elias is a 9-year-old male student attending PS/MS 280. [REDACTED] is presently in the fourth grade and receives special education

PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**DOCUMENTATION OF STUDENTS CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS**

services. [REDACTED] has a classification of autism and receives speech/language therapy in addition to 1:1 paraprofessional. Although Elias carries a classification of autism, his behavior exhibits atypical. For instance, Elias demonstrates empathy and accountability when he has made a mistake. In addition, Elias demonstrates interest in a wide range of things. One of Elias's favorite activities to do is paint/draw, play with dolls, jenga and building with Legos. He also likes to engage in play with peer-counterparts as well as share his toys or snacks. When [REDACTED] becomes excited to be around someone whose company he enjoys, however, he might use a slap of the hand and hit the person he is sharing time with, as a result of feeling happy or excited. It's not with intention to hurt the person (i.e., playing in the park with a school friend), but to show he is happy. Overall, Elias is a student who tries his best to be the best at everything. Every day [REDACTED] arrives to school with a smile on his face, eager to learn and surround himself with his school friends. In contrast to previous social development assessments, [REDACTED] has significantly shown growth that is indicative of a bright future. Elias is showing an age-appropriate developmental and emotional growth. Elias is also able to use appropriate coping strategies when he feels upset or sad. He also is listens to instructions given by school staff. For the following academic year, social worker and student will work in how to properly channel emotions.

Due to social progress, Elias' paraprofessional services will be reduced from .8 to .5.

STUDENT STRENGTHS:

Elias's mother is very happy with his emotional, social and educational progress. There were no further concerns expressed by parent.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE STUDENT, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT NEEDS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE PARENT:

Elias no further concerns.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

THE DEGREE (EXTENT) AND QUALITY OF THE STUDENTS MOTOR AND SENSORY DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, VITALITY AND PHYSICAL SKILLS OR LIMITATIONS WHICH PERTAIN TO THE LEARNING PROCESS:

Elias wears glasses and his hearing is reported to be within normal limits.

Overall, Elias is stable. There are no reports of any impertinent medical concerns.

STUDENT STRENGTHS:

Elias can participate in all school activities.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE STUDENT, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT NEEDS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE PARENT:

[REDACTED] was seen by a Neurologist on 12/18/19 and the diagnosis of Autism continued to be applicable.

MANAGEMENT NEEDS

- Direct instruction of new concepts with opportunities for rehearsal
- Teach new concepts in small steps in order to increase understanding
- Allow extra time to complete assignments and tests
- Clear and simple directions
- Repetition of questions and directions

PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE AND INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**DOCUMENTATION OF STUDENT'S CURRENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC, DEVELOPMENTAL AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS**

- Questions and passages read aloud whenever possible
- Simplified wording in questions and directions whenever possible
- Utilize visual aids and manipulatives
- Use graphic organizers for reading/writing
- Praise and encouragement
- Ample opportunities for success to build self-confidence in academics

EFFECT OF STUDENT NEEDS ON INVOLVEMENT AND PROGRESS IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OR, FOR A PRESCHOOL STUDENT, EFFECT OF STUDENT NEEDS ON PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES

Due to disabilities impeding academic performance and rate of acquisition of new knowledge in a regular education setting, Elias would benefit from the support of a special education class to address his needs and deficit skills. According to informal and formal observations, a highly structured environment with clear expectations will continue to allow [REDACTED] to make steady progress in language, cognitive and social skill development. Speech/Language Therapy and counseling will be supporting [REDACTED] with making greater progress as well.

STUDENT NAME: Elias Zuleta Almorite

NYC ID [REDACTED]

STUDENT NEEDS RELATING TO SPECIAL FACTORS

BASED ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE STUDENT'S NEEDS, THE COMMITTEE MUST CONSIDER WHETHER THE STUDENT NEEDS A PARTICULAR DEVICE OR SERVICE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL FACTORS AS INDICATED BELOW, AND IF SO, THE APPROPRIATE SECTION OF THE IEP MUST IDENTIFY THE PARTICULAR DEVICE OR SERVICE(S) NEEDED:

Does the student need strategies, including positive behavioral interventions, supports and other strategies to address behaviors that impede the student's learning or that of others? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the student need a behavioral intervention plan? ☒ No ☐ Yes

For a student with limited English proficiency, do they need a special education service to address their language needs as they relate to the IEP? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

For a student who is blind or visually impaired, do they need instruction in Braille and the use of Braille? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable

Does the student need a particular device or service to address their communication needs? ☐ Yes ☒ No
in the case of a student who is deaf or hard of hearing, does the student need a particular device or service in consideration of the student's language and communication needs, opportunities for direct communications with peers and professional personnel in the student's language and communication mode, academic level, and full range of needs, including opportunities for direct instruction in the student's

STUDENT NEEDS RELATING TO SPECIAL FACTORS

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language and communication mode?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable

Does the student need an assistive technology device and/or service? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, does the Committee recommend that the device(s) be used in the student's home? ☐ Yes ☒ No

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

BEGINNING NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST IEP TO BE IN EFFECT WHEN THE STUDENT IS AGE 15 (AND AT A YOUNGER AGE IF DETERMINED APPROPRIATE)

MEASURABLE POSTSECONDARY GOALS

LONG-TERM GOALS FOR LIVING, WORKING AND LEARNING AS AN ADULT

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

EMPLOYMENT:

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS (WHEN APPROPRIATE):

TRANSITION NEEDS

In consideration of present levels of performance, transition service needs of the student that focus on the student's courses of study, taking into account the student's strengths, preferences and interests as they relate to transition from school to post-school activities:

STUDENT NAME [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

MEASURABLE ANNUAL GOALS

THE FOLLOWING GOALS ARE RECOMMENDED TO ENABLE THE STUDENT TO BE INVOLVED IN AND PROGRESS IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM, ADDRESS OTHER EDUCATIONAL NEEDS THAT RESULT FROM THE STUDENT'S DISABILITY, AND PREPARE THE STUDENT TO MEET THEIR POSTSECONDARY GOALS.

| ANNUAL GOALS | CRITERIA | METHOD | SCHEDULE |
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| WHAT THE STUDENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE | MEASURE TO DETERMINE | HOW PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED | WHEN PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED |

| BY THE END OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE IEP IS IN EFFECT | IF GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED | | |
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| Reading - By October 2023, after reading a story at his instructional level, Elias will identify the main idea and two supporting details with little to no support. | 3 out of 4 trials | Teacher Made Materials
Class Activities
Teacher/Provider
Observations | 1 time per week |

IEP PROGRESS REPORT

1st Progress report for this IEP ☐2nd Progress report for this IEP ☐3rd Progress report for this IEP ☐

| ANNUAL GOALS
WHAT THE STUDENT WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE BY THE END OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE IEP IS IN EFFECT | CRITERIA
MEASURE TO DETERMINE IF GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED | METHOD
HOW PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED | SCHEDULE
WHEN PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED |
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| Math - By October 2023, [REDACTED] will independently read a one or two step word problem, identify which operation is to be used, and solve it using math strategies and manipulatives as needed. | 3 out of 4 trials | Teacher Made Materials
Class Activities
Teacher/Provider
Observations | 1 time per week |
| IEP PROGRESS REPORT | | | |
| 1st Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 2nd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 3rd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

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| BY THE END OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE IEP IS IN EFFECT | IF GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED | MEASURED | MEASURED |
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| Writing - By October 2023 [REDACTED] will be able to completely answer short response questions using the RACE method. (Restate, Answer, Cite and Explain) | 3 out of 4 trials | Teacher Made Materials
Class Activities
Performance Assessment
Task
Teacher/Provider
Observations | 1 time per week |

IEP PROGRESS REPORT

1st Progress report for this IEP ☐2nd Progress report for this IEP ☐3rd Progress report for this IEP ☐

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HOW PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED | SCHEDULE
WHEN PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED |
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| School Social Work: [REDACTED] will work on identifying and verbally describing his emotions and implement healthy coping strategies. | 3 out of 5 trials | identify in counseling sessions through group discussions and counseling activities. | 1 time per quarter |
| IEP PROGRESS REPORT | | | |
| 1st Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 2nd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 3rd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

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MEASURED |
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| School Social Work: Elias will work mind-fulness and self-awareness in order to develop healthy and respectful boundaries between self and others. | 3 out of 5 trials | Verbal Explanation
Class Activities
Teacher/Provider
Observations | 1 time per quarter |

IEP PROGRESS REPORT1st Progress report for this IEP ☐2nd Progress report for this IEP ☐3rd Progress report for this IEP ☐

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| Speech and Language: To improve pragmatic language, [REDACTED] will use on topic behaviors (i.e., making relevant comments, asking relevant questions, monitor turn taking, demonstrate knowledge of perspective taking, etc) with support fading from direct to general. | over 3 consecutive sessions | Informal Assessments
Class Activities
Teacher/Provider
Observations | 1 time per month |
| IEP PROGRESS REPORT | | | |
| 1st Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 2nd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |
| 3rd Progress report for this IEP <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

STUDENT NAME: Elias Zuleta Almonte

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

REPORTING PROGRESS TO PARENTS

Identify when periodic reports on the student's progress toward meeting the annual goals will be provided to the student's parents:
 3 times per year: at the same time report cards are given

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDED SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

| SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM/SERVICES | SERVICE DELIVERY RECOMMENDATIONS* | FREQUENCY HOW OFTEN PROVIDED | DURATION LENGTH OF SESSION | LOCATION WHERE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED | PROJECTED BEGINNING / SERVICE DATE(S) |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM: | | | | | |
| Special Class
ELA | 12:1+1
Language of Service:
English | 2 time(s) per
day | Period | Special Education
Classroom | 12/05/2022 |
| Special Class
Math | 12:1+1
Language of Service:
English | 2 time(s) per
day | Period | Special Education
Classroom | 12/05/2022 |
| Special Class
Social Studies | 12:1+1
Language of Service:
English | 1 time(s) per
day | Period | Special Education
Classroom | 12/05/2022 |
| RELATED SERVICES: | | | | | |
| Counseling Services | Group service
Language of Service:
English | 1 time(s) per
week | 30 minutes | Separate Location
Therapy Room | 12/05/2022 |

RECOMMENDED SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

| | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Parent Counseling and Training | Group | Twice a year | 60 Minutes | Within the School | 12/05/2022 |
| Speech-Language Therapy | Group service
Language of Service:
English | 1 time(s) per
week | 30 minutes | Separate Location
Therapy room | 12/05/2022 |
| SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS AND SERVICES//PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS/ACCOMMODATIONS: | | | | | |
| Paraprofessional
Behavior Support | Group service | Daily | 0.5 | | 12/05/2022 |
| ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICES AND/OR SERVICES: | | | | | |
| SUPPORTS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENT: | | | | | |

* Identify, if applicable, class size (maximum student-to-staff ratio), language if other than English, group or individual services, direct and/or indirect consultant teacher services or other service delivery recommendations.

STUDENT NAME: Elias Zuleta Almonte

NYC ID:

- 12-MONTH SERVICE AND/OR PROGRAM** - Student is eligible to receive special education services and/or program during July/August: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If yes:
- ☐ Student will receive the same special education program/services as recommended above.
- OR
- ☐ Student will receive the following special education program/services:

For a preschool student, reason(s) the child requires services during July and August:

| SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM/SERVICES | SERVICE DELIVERY RECOMMENDATIONS | FREQUENCY | DURATION | LOCATION | PROJECTED BEGINNING / SERVICE DATE(S) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
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For a preschool student, reason(s) the child requires services during July and August:

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

COMPENSATORY SERVICES

Compensatory Services - Does the student require additional services to address lost skills and/or lack of expected progress due to the periods of remote and blended learning beginning in March 2020? ☒ No ☐ Yes

The student does not require compensatory services for the following reason(s):

- The student benefitted from Special Education Recovery Services received during the 2021-22 school year and additional services are not required.

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID: [REDACTED]

TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS (TO BE COMPLETED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY IF THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR NONDISABLED PRESCHOOL CHILDREN); INDIVIDUAL TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIFIC TO THE STUDENT'S DISABILITY AND NEEDS, TO BE USED CONSISTENTLY BY THE STUDENT IN THE RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY, STATE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

| TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS | CONDITIONS* | IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS** |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
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TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS (TO BE COMPLETED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY IF THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR NONDISABLED PRESCHOOL CHILDREN). INDIVIDUAL TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS, SPECIFIC TO THE STUDENT'S DISABILITY AND NEEDS, TO BE USED CONSISTENTLY BY THE STUDENT IN THE RECOMMENDED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY, STATE ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.

☐ NONE

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| Extended Time | For all state and local tests | Time and a half. |
| Breaks | For all state and local tests | 2 minute break every 20 minutes. |
| On-Task Focusing Prompts | For all state and local tests | Proctor will verbally remind student to work and stay on task. |
| Separate Location/Room | For all state and local tests | Setting with no more than 12 students. |
| Other : Directions read aloud | For all state and local tests | Directions read and reread aloud. |

*Conditions — Test Characteristics: Describe the type, length, purpose of the test upon which the use of testing accommodations is conditioned, if applicable.
 **Implementation Recommendations: Identify the amount of extended time, type of setting, etc., specific to the testing accommodations, if applicable.

STUDENT NAME [REDACTED]

NYC ID [REDACTED]

BEGINNING NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST IEP TO BE IN EFFECT WHEN THE STUDENT IS AGE 15 (AND AT A YOUNGER AGE, IF DETERMINED APPROPRIATE).

COORDINATED SET OF TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

| NEEDED ACTIVITIES TO FACILITATE THE STUDENT'S MOVEMENT FROM SCHOOL TO POST-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES | SERVICE/ACTIVITY | SCHOOL DISTRICT/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE |
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| Instruction | | |
| Related Services | | |
| Community Experiences | | |
| Development of Employment and Other Post-school Adult Living Objectives | | |

BEGINNING NOT LATER THAN THE FIRST IEP TO BE IN EFFECT WHEN THE STUDENT IS AGE 15 (AND AT A YOUNGER AGE, IF DETERMINED APPROPRIATE).

COORDINATED SET OF TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

| NEEDED ACTIVITIES TO FACILITATE THE STUDENT'S MOVEMENT FROM SCHOOL TO POST-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES | SERVICE/ACTIVITY | SCHOOL DISTRICT/AGENCY RESPONSIBLE |
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| Acquisition of Daily Living Skills (if applicable) | | |
| Functional Vocational Assessment (if applicable) | | |

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC [REDACTED]

PARTICIPATE IN STATE AND DISTRICT-WIDE ASSESSMENTS

(TO BE COMPLETED FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY IF THERE IS AN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR NONDISABLED PRESCHOOL STUDENTS)

- ☒ The student will participate in the same State and district-wide assessments of student achievement that are administered to general education students.
- ☐ The student will participate in an alternate assessment on a particular State or district-wide assessment of student achievement.

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID [REDACTED]

PARTICIPATION WITH STUDENTS WITHOUT DISABILITIES

REMOVAL FROM THE GENERAL EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT OCCURS ONLY WHEN THE NATURE OR SEVERITY OF THE DISABILITY IS SUCH THAT, EVEN WITH THE USE OF SUPPLEMENTARY AIDS AND SERVICES, EDUCATION CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY ACHIEVED.

FOR THE PRESCHOOL STUDENT:

Explain the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate in appropriate activities with age-appropriate nondisabled peers (e.g., percent of the school day and/or specify particular activities):

PARTICIPATION WITH STUDENTS WITHOUT DISABILITIES**FOR THE SCHOOL-AGE STUDENT:**

Explain the extent, if any, to which the student will not participate in regular class, extracurricular and other nonacademic activities (e.g., percent of the school day and/or specify particular activities):

The student will participate in a 12:1+1 class for ELA, Math, and Social Studies. He will participate in regular class for Science, Gym, Lunch, extracurricular and other nonacademic activities.

If the student is not participating in a regular physical education program, identify the extent to which the student will participate in specially-designed instruction in physical education, including adapted physical education:

EXEMPTION FROM LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH DIPLOMA REQUIREMENT:

☒ No ☐ Yes - The Committee has determined that the student's disability adversely affects their ability to learn a language and recommends the student be exempt from the language other than English requirement.

STUDENT NAME [REDACTED]**NYC ID:** [REDACTED]**SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION****TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATION TO ADDRESS NEEDS OF THE STUDENT RELATING TO THEIR DISABILITY**☒ None.☐ Student needs special transportation accommodations/services as follows:☐ Student needs transportation to and from special classes or programs at another site:**PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATION**

NYC DOE School Non-Specialized (District 1-32)

SUMMARY**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Student

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DOB: [REDACTED]

Parents Language(s) Spoken/Mode Communication:

IEP INFORMATION

Date of IEP Meeting: 11/22/2022

IEP Amendment: ☐ Yes ☒ NoReconvene of IEP Meeting: ☐ Yes ☒ No

INSTRUCTIONAL/FUNCTIONAL LEVELS

Reading: 3rd Grade

Math: 3rd Grade

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Classification of Disability: Autism

Recommended Services:

Special Education Programs

Special Class

English

Special Class

English

Special Class

English

Related Services

Counseling Services

English

Parent Counseling and Training

Speech-Language Therapy

English

12-Month Services:

Participate in State and District-Wide Assessments:

The student will participate in the same State and district-wide assessments of student achievement that are administered to general education students.

Does [REDACTED] have a Behavioral Intervention Plan? Yes

Recommended for Specialized Transportation: ☒ None ☐ Student needs specialized transportation

School Type: NYC DOE School Non-Specialized (District 1-32)

Medical Alert: The student has ☐ medical conditions and/or ☐ physical limitations which affect their ☐ learning, ☐ behavior and/or ☐ participation in school activities.

The student requires ☐ medical and/or ☐ health care treatment(s) or procedure(s) during the school day.

Accessibility:

Does the student need an accessible school building? No

Does the student have limited mobility? No

PROMOTION CRITERIA

CURRENT YEAR

☒ Standard ☐ Modified

NEXT YEAR

☒ Standard ☐ Modified

Parent Concerns:

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Integrated Co-teaching

Special Class in a specialized school 12:1+1

Reason(s) for Rejection: Integrated Co-Teaching was discussed with Mom and may be considered for a possible future option. We will reconvene at further notice after monitoring Elias's progress.

Special Class in a specialized school was rejected as it may be too restrictive at the present time.

Mother agreed to submit an ASD Programs application (Nest/Horizon).

STUDENT NAME: [REDACTED]

NYC ID# [REDACTED]

DATE OF IEP MEETING: 11/22/2022

ATTENDANCE PAGE

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR SIGNATURE REFLECTS YOUR PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

| ROLE (INDICATE IF BILINGUAL) | NAME | SIGNATURE |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| Related Service Provider/Special Education Teacher | Maureen King | |
| Parent/Legal Guardian
(Bilingual) | [REDACTED] | Participated by telephone |
| District Representative
(Bilingual) | Damian Burszyn | |
| Speech-Language Therapist | Gabriella Liscio | |
| Other: | Ana Diaz | |

**NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE**

1-888-373-7888

03/21/23

This letter confirms that the National Human Trafficking Hotline spoke with your client, [REDACTED] and/or a representative of [REDACTED] on the following occasions:

- 02/27/23 at approximately 01:52 PM EST
- 03/16/23 at approximately 11:45 AM EST
- 03/20/23 at approximately 10:08 AM EST

The National Human Trafficking Hotline Case Number related to this case is 01362013.

During these calls, [REDACTED] identified as a survivor of sex trafficking in Bronx, NY. [REDACTED] confirmed she wanted to report the situation to law enforcement and gave the hotline permission to have continued communication with representatives of [REDACTED] regarding her case. On 03/20/23 the hotline reported the situation to law enforcement contacts at the following agencies: Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) - New York, New York Police Department, U.S. Attorney's Office - Southern District of New York - New York City, US Attorney's Office - Eastern District of New York - Brooklyn, District Attorney's Office - New York County, District Attorney's Office - Kings County, District Attorney's Office - Bronx, District Attorney's Office - Queens County, Office of the Attorney General - New York, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) - New York, and Diplomatic Security Service (DSS).

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This letter contains confidential information and is submitted to you based on written *Consent to Release* provided by [REDACTED], signed 03/08/23.

Please direct any questions to the Case Response Specialist team at caseresponse@polarisproject.org.

Sincerely,

National Human Trafficking Hotline

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: HTPU (CRT) <htpu@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Victim of Severe Form of Trafficking in Persons — M. [REDACTED]

To ensure documentation of timely reporting to law enforcement, any allegations that have not been previously reported directly to federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial law enforcement for investigation should be reported to the **Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888** for referral to an appropriate investigative agency.

Please notify HTPU via email after your allegation has been reported.

Thank you.

Patrick Guckian
Investigator
Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW | Washington DC 20004
Office: 202-305-8702

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2023 11:20 AM
To: HTPU (CRT) <htpu@usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Victim of Severe Form of Trafficking in Persons — [REDACTED]

United States Department of Justice
Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit
Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division

To Whom It May Concern:

Sanctuary for Families' Anti-Trafficking Initiative identified Ms. [REDACTED] as a victim of sex trafficking.

Ms. [REDACTED] would like to report her case to the Department of Justice. We have tried several times to reach you via fax, but we have been unsuccessful.

Please contact me for any follow up questions by email at [REDACTED] or by phone at [REDACTED] x1273.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Senior Staff Attorney / Anti Trafficking Initiative

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Dear Reader:

Everyone should be free. And yet, through force, fraud, and coercion, human traffickers violate this most basic right. Traffickers' exploitative practices affect every country in the world, including the United States, by diminishing and destroying our communities, sense of security, and the global economy. This year's Trafficking in Persons Report turns the spotlight to more clearly illuminate the impact of human trafficking on our global community and on actions we can take as individuals, and as a society, to combat this deplorable crime everywhere it occurs, especially in the most at-risk communities.

The pages that follow highlight the incredible strides and achievements of survivor leaders and individuals with lived experience of human trafficking, including their role as valued anti-trafficking experts. They built, and continue to sustain, the movement to combat human trafficking in a manner that reflects the realities and needs of those currently experiencing exploitation. However, much work remains to create opportunities for responsibly engaging and elevating survivors' expertise. Their voices are critical to crafting successful anti-trafficking responses, and we hope the report's introduction serves as a resource for our global partners seeking to improve their anti-trafficking efforts by integrating survivors' expertise.

Through the special topic boxes in this report, we explore key issues of grave and urgent concern, including the inequitable impact of human trafficking on vulnerable and marginalized populations.

This year's report is released in the midst of an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. Russia's senseless continued invasion of Ukraine and its devastating attacks across that country have inflicted unfathomable pain and suffering and forced millions of Ukrainian citizens and others to flee seeking safety. We are deeply concerned about the risks of human trafficking faced by individuals internally displaced by the war, as well as those fleeing Ukraine, an estimated 90 percent of whom are women and children. The food insecurity and other broader effects of Russia's war exacerbate trafficking risks around the globe.

Let us stand together and press for accountability from those leaders who condone and support human trafficking, create conditions ripe for mass exploitation, and perpetuate this fundamental insult to human dignity. Those that perpetrate, condone, or support this crime must be held accountable.

Throughout the report, a unifying theme emerges—human trafficking affects us all. Its impact ripples across the fabric of our global community. We must work together, and in partnership with survivor leaders, to effectively address this crime.

Sincerely,

Antony Blinken





MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR OFFICIAL

Dear Reader:

As a critical means to continuously improve anti-trafficking efforts, stakeholders should engage with survivors of human trafficking; to listen to, learn from, and lift the voices of those with lived experience. This year's introduction centers on survivor engagement and highlights the vital role that survivors of human trafficking play in developing and implementing survivor-led, trauma-informed, and comprehensive victim-centered approaches to human trafficking.

The Department of State continues to prioritize the integration of survivor expertise into our work. Here, the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking has been a vital component in our ability to ensure that the strategies we put in place are victim-centered and trauma-informed. Council members come from diverse backgrounds with distinctive experiences. Their contributions and recommendations are invaluable. It is critical that survivor leaders have a seat at the table, but we need to do more. We also rely on our work with the Human Trafficking Expert Consultant Network—which consists of experts with lived experience of human trafficking. Their assistance has helped us develop survivor-informed programs, policies, and resources for our government and beyond, including the introductory essay of this report. As a movement, we must engage survivors early and often in the development of our policies and programs and learn from stakeholders who prioritize meaningful consultation with those with lived experience, to share best practices globally.

Another key priority, which also requires the counsel of survivors, is increasing our efforts to meaningfully incorporate equity in our anti-trafficking work. For example, systemic racism continues to create socioeconomic inequalities that traffickers exploit. This year's country narratives prioritize integrating an equity-based approach, including by enhancing our reporting on underserved communities and assessing delivery of justice and services to victims among these populations. We are committed to drawing attention to the vulnerabilities that human traffickers routinely exploit, especially as they pertain to individuals from marginalized or underserved communities, and ensuring governments are able to identify and assist all victims. As you read through the report, I also urge you to look closely at the special interest boxes that highlight forced labor and the transition to clean energy, how the climate crisis increases trafficking risks of people everywhere, and the harmful costs associated with the People's Republic of China's Belt and Road initiative.

Through these partnerships and listening to the expertise of those with lived experience, we can continue to improve our anti-trafficking efforts even in the face of an unconscionable war of choice placing millions at risk, historically high levels of displaced persons around the globe, economic anxiety, and the disruptions of climate change. Despite the significant challenges, the global community has been steadfast in our anti-trafficking efforts. We will press on in our efforts and look forward to doing so together.

Sincerely,

Kari Johnson





Migrant workers pick tomatoes on a farm in the United States. Low-wage and migrant workers face riskier employment conditions, including restricted movement, minimal oversight mechanisms, withheld wages, and increasing debts—all indicators of human trafficking.

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“Human trafficking is an unconscionable attack on the dignity of the most vulnerable among us. Action can’t wait.”

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.

SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING FIELD: HISTORY, LESSONS LEARNED, AND LOOKING FORWARD

Please note that this introduction contains substantial input from the Human Trafficking Expert Consultant Network (the Network). The purpose of the Network is to engage experts, particularly those with lived experience of human trafficking, to provide expertise and input on Department of State anti-trafficking policies, strategies, and product.

Survivors of human trafficking play a vital role in combating this crime. Their perspective and experience should be taken into consideration to better address this crime and to craft a better response to it. They run organizations, advocate before legislatures, train law enforcement officers, conduct public outreach, and collaborate with government officials on local and national levels. They serve the anti-trafficking community and society at large as doctors, lawyers, mental health professionals, and more. Engaging survivors as partners is critical to establishing effective victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent anti-trafficking policies and strategies that address prevention, protection, and prosecution efforts. Meaningful engagement means collaborating with survivors in all aspects of anti-trafficking efforts such as developing practices, policies, and strategies, as well as prioritizing survivor leadership of those efforts whenever possible.

The goal of this introduction is to highlight and emphasize the importance of meaningful survivor engagement – specifically with experts with lived experience of human trafficking for whom sufficient time has passed since their victimization – and to share context, lessons learned, and guidance to governments, international organizations, civil society, private sector entities, and other stakeholders who wish to further their survivor engagement efforts. While many anti-trafficking stakeholders have long consulted survivors in their work, it is imperative that this engagement be done in a responsible and meaningful way and that stakeholders develop and improve upon their approaches to doing so. This effort will bolster inclusivity, help prevent sensationalism, and reduce potential re-traumatization of survivors. It will also promote more effective criminal justice responses that provide remedies for victims and survivors and help prevent trafficking crimes. This year’s introduction seeks to establish a solid foundation for how to responsibly engage survivors through trauma-informed approaches that promote transparency, trust, equity, inclusivity, and commitment to collaboration.





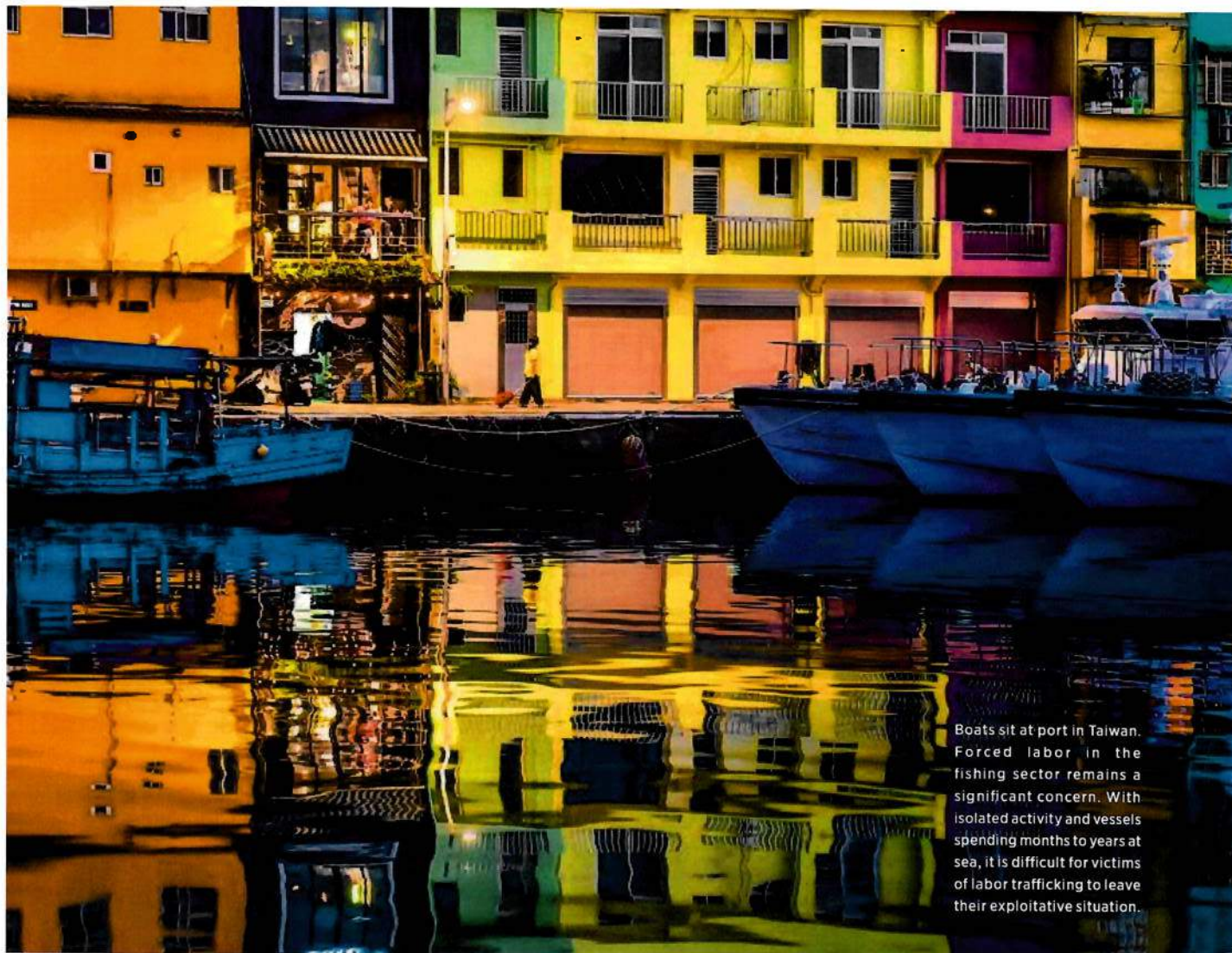
A child's bike sits under drying clothes in one country in the East Asia and Pacific region where communities continue to face rising temperatures and heavy rains. While climate change does not discriminate, underserved and marginalized communities are more likely to experience its impacts and, consequently, are even more vulnerable to trafficking.

The background, learnings, and promising practices offered in the sections to follow are informed primarily by survivor leaders, as well as anti-trafficking practitioners and allies in the field, creating a collective basis of understanding upon which the anti-trafficking community can build.

Integrating survivors and their perspective and expertise into the development and execution of anti-trafficking policy, programming, and public awareness efforts is essential. This recognition has prompted governments and stakeholders to consider the best mechanisms to incorporate survivor input and to establish adequate support, including compensation, for survivor leaders. Solutions to combat human trafficking and serve victims are most effective when designed and informed by those who have survived it.



- ▶ **Victim-centered approach:** Stakeholders place the crime victim's priorities, needs, and interests at the center of their work with the victim; providing nonjudgmental assistance, with an emphasis on self-determination, and assisting victims in making informed choices; ensuring restoration of victims' feelings of safety and security are a priority; and safeguarding against policies and practices that may inadvertently re-traumatize victims. A victim-centered approach should also incorporate a trauma-informed, survivor-informed, and culturally competent approach.
- ▶ **Survivor-informed approach:** A program, policy, intervention, or product that is designed, implemented, and evaluated with intentional leadership, expertise, and input from a diverse community of survivors to ensure that the program, policy, intervention, or product accurately represents their needs, interests, and perceptions.
- ▶ **Trauma-informed approach:** A trauma-informed approach recognizes signs of trauma in individuals and the professionals who help them and responds by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings and by seeking to actively resist re-traumatization. This approach includes an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of trauma survivors, including the prevalence and physical, social, and emotional impact of trauma. A trauma-informed approach places priority on restoring the survivor's feelings of safety, choice, and control. Programs, services, agencies, and communities can be trauma-informed.
- ▶ **Culturally competent approach:** Cultural and linguistic competence is a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals that enables effective work in cross-cultural situations. 'Culture' refers to integrated patterns of human behavior that include the language, thoughts, communications, actions, customs, beliefs, values, and institutions of racial, ethnic, religious, or social groups. 'Competence' implies having the capacity to function effectively as an individual and an organization within the context of the cultural beliefs, behaviors, and needs presented by consumers and their communities.



Boats sit at port in Taiwan. Forced labor in the fishing sector remains a significant concern. With isolated activity and vessels spending months to years at sea, it is difficult for victims of labor trafficking to leave their exploitative situation.

Historical Background and Reflections

Over the past two decades, there have been notable developments in the anti-trafficking movement, including the ongoing elevation of survivor leaders as influential decision-makers. Survivors have been instrumental in advocating for and guiding the incorporation of victim-centered, survivor-informed, trauma-informed, and culturally competent approaches in anti-trafficking efforts on a local and global scale.

First and foremost, it is important to acknowledge and address survivors' long-term suffering and struggle to overcome exceptional challenges to establish and solidify their role as leaders in the anti-trafficking movement. When the anti-trafficking movement launched in the United States in the 1990s, trafficking survivors had few options for tailored support. Prior to the adoption of the TVPA and the UN TIP Protocol, individuals who had survived human trafficking experiences were served primarily by organizations lacking an understanding of human trafficking. The lack of dedicated and diverse services for victims of trafficking further marginalized and endangered survivors. Additionally, victims and survivors also faced stigmatization by some of the media's misleading, yet influential, portrayal of survivors as either criminals or individuals who "are damaged for life and will never recover." Furthermore, there were few opportunities for survivors who were willing to participate in the development of solutions related to service delivery, nor were there training or employment opportunities for survivor leaders. As the anti-trafficking field grew, survivors were mostly called on to share stories of their trafficking experience and faced barriers and competition to participate as legitimate partners or experts in anti-trafficking policy and programming efforts.

“Our plan centers on the key pillars of U.S. and global anti-trafficking efforts: prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnerships. We are focused on the most vulnerable. And based on my experience, the most vulnerable are women and girls, racial and ethnic minorities, LGBTQI+ people, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, migrants, and children in the foster care system. When we identify who is most vulnerable, we can tailor our tactics and improve our strategy, we can look at what is putting communities at risk in order to improve our prevention efforts, and we can look at ways to reach those communities to ensure that support is trauma-informed and survivor-centered.”

Kamala D. Harris,
U.S. Vice President

The long-standing trend of engaging survivors solely to share their trafficking experience is not always an appropriate or meaningful way to engage survivors. Storytelling can be a powerful tool to shed light on the reality of human trafficking; however, it can easily cause survivors to relive the trauma they experienced. It can also be harmful if survivors' stories are used without their consent or a survivor feels compelled to accept a paid speaking request to share their story because of their economic situation. Survivors should not be engaged solely for storytelling purposes; yet survivors should not be dissuaded from sharing their story if they choose to do so. The recommendations in the later part of this introduction have been offered by survivors as promising practices in ethical storytelling. It is essential that in moving forward, governments, anti-trafficking organizations, the media, and private sector entities reflect on past policies, practices, and actions, as well as acknowledge unintentional harm to survivors, and commit to change for the better.

“For those who began to identify as survivors, the feeling of being oppressed was, in essence, replicated by the very organizations that they relied on for aid, even more so for those with diverse identities. Survivors who were committed advocates were overlooked as experts and were competed against or replaced by agency endorsed non-survivor advocates causing them to lose training and employment opportunities. As Dr. Countryman-Roswurm noted, they were ‘rarely genuinely lifted up, respected, treated as equal partners, or supported and followed as competent leaders.’”

Dawn Schiller,
Training Director, L.A. County Project, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Human Trafficking (CAST),
Human Trafficking Lived Experience Expert and Consultant



While there is still significant room for improvement, it is important to recognize the progress made thus far. Many survivors have overcome real and serious challenges and made remarkable strides forward, such as pursuing advanced degrees and founding NGOs that advance anti-trafficking priorities. In response to survivors' advocacy efforts, the global anti-trafficking community has taken tangible steps toward more meaningful survivor engagement. Governments, anti-trafficking organizations, and private sector entities are now developing strategies and creating opportunities to build more meaningful working relationships with survivors. Though significant work towards meaningful improvement remains, efforts taken to date demonstrate survivors' role as qualified experts, leaders, and equal partners in the development and implementation of anti-trafficking efforts. Throughout the past decade in the United States, survivor leaders have developed, drafted, and shaped significant landmark legislation in support of more effective anti-trafficking efforts. One of the major accomplishments resulting from these efforts was the establishment of the United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, noted below. Other recently enacted U.S. legislation has explicitly recognized the necessity of survivor engagement, for example to inform development of human trafficking training requirements for health care and social service providers; to improve detection of human trafficking related financial transactions when surveilling money laundering and counter-terrorist financing activities; and to enhance efforts to combat crime, including human trafficking, affecting American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The anti-trafficking field has significantly progressed in its understanding and practice of survivor engagement. Yet, there are still important lessons to learn for any government, anti-trafficking organization, or private sector entity seeking to further their survivor engagement efforts. Some recommendations based on lessons learned thus far are highlighted below under "Considerations for Engagement."

Models for Engagement


Now more than ever, anti-trafficking stakeholders are incorporating survivor expertise and input at all stages of developing and implementing policies, procedures, and programs. Within the government space, as well as the NGO community, various models to include survivor expertise have emerged, such as advisory councils and boards and consultant mechanisms, as well as training and technical assistance centers. Government agencies at all levels should explore formal platforms to meaningfully engage survivors as subject matter experts and equal partners to become more survivor-informed in their policies and program implementation. Regardless of the model, governments and organizations must ensure the application of a victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent approach; provide competitive compensation for survivors' expertise and contributions; and be willing to dedicate resources and explore ways to implement the changes recommended by survivor leaders. While further evaluation is needed to discover other promising initiatives globally, the following mechanisms showcase notable developments that may serve as a model to others.

“Our narrative must not merely be inspiring, but the lessons that lie within them must be turned into solutions.”

Honorable Shandra Woworuntu,
Chair of the OSCE International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council,
CEO of Mentari Human Trafficking Survivor Empowerment Program

Advisory Councils and Boards

- ▶ **United States Advisory Council on Human Trafficking (Council):** In 2015, the Survivors of Human Trafficking Empowerment Act, which was passed as part of the *Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act*, established the Council. The establishment of the Council, an idea originated by survivors and the world's first survivor engagement mechanism of its kind, created a formal platform for human trafficking survivors to provide input on federal policies and marked a significant breakthrough in the anti-trafficking movement. The Council advises and makes recommendations on federal anti-trafficking policies to the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, a cabinet-level entity created by the TVPA, which consists of 20 agencies across the federal government responsible for coordinating U.S. government-wide efforts to combat trafficking in persons. Each member of the Council is a survivor of human trafficking, and together they represent a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. Members of the Council are appointed by the President for two-year terms. Since it was established, the Council has produced five reports containing recommendations for the U.S. government related to rule of law, public awareness, victim services, labor laws, grantmaking, survivor-informed leadership, and underserved populations. After years of advocacy from the Council and other survivor leaders, the U.S. Congress included provisions in the William M. (Mac.) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (P.L. 116-283) to compensate the Council for its work and contributions to federal government anti-trafficking efforts.
- ▶ **International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC):** Established in 2021, the ISTAC currently consists of 21 survivor leaders from across OSCE's 57 member states, representing a diverse range of expertise and backgrounds. The ISTAC provides advice, guidance, and recommendations to the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), and through ODIHR to the OSCE participating states, on matters pertaining to combating human trafficking, including but not limited to: draft legislation, policies, and state practices; implementation of relevant OSCE participating states' commitments; research, drafting, and reviewing of material related to the international normative framework for combating human trafficking; and educational and capacity-building efforts undertaken by ODIHR to combat human trafficking in the OSCE region. For example, the ISTAC contributed to ODIHR's updated version of its National Referral Mechanism (NRM) Handbook to provide guidance to OSCE participating states on establishing and strengthening NRMs. The ISTAC also provides guidance to survivor leaders on the tools necessary to foster the growth of national and international survivor networks and promotes the standardization of survivor-related terminology within anti-trafficking frameworks. Members are compensated for certain ISTAC-related work, including participation in trainings and speaking engagements.
- ▶ **Albania's Advisory Board for Victims of Trafficking:** The Coalition of Shelters for Victims of Trafficking in Albania has an Advisory Board for Victims of Trafficking composed of survivors of trafficking, with its own Regulation and Code of Conduct. The Board advises shelters on addressing the specific needs of victims in relation to identification, protection, and support and on consistently improving the shelters' policies and practices.



Fruit of the oil palm: forced labor has been documented in the production of palm oil in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Additionally, the Government of Canada, as part of its National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking 2019-2024, committed to establishing a Survivor Advisory Committee comprising survivors of human trafficking to provide a platform in which individuals with lived experiences can inform and provide their unique and invaluable recommendations to the Government of Canada on current and future federal anti-human trafficking policies and initiatives. The Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, composed of UN and regional organizations, released its first Plan of Action in late 2020, which includes strengthening its engagement and partnerships with survivor councils and associations, as well as among other stakeholders, to ensure a human rights-based approach.

Consultant and Training and Technical Assistance Mechanisms

Within the United States, federal agencies have developed training and technical assistance centers and consultant mechanisms comprising survivor leaders and other relevant subject matter experts to bolster stakeholder and government efforts to combat trafficking. These mechanisms exist within the Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, State, and Homeland Security. Additionally, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) created the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy (HTLA), which seeks to develop and expand survivor-informed services, offering leadership development opportunities to survivor leaders and allied professionals. The first class of HTLA fellows informed the “Toolkit for Building Survivor-Informed Organizations.”

Internationally, governments have also consulted with survivor leaders to improve their anti-trafficking efforts. For example, the Governments of the Philippines and the United Kingdom sought survivor input to inform the provision of protection services. The Government of the United Kingdom engaged directly with survivors to better understand their recovery needs and experiences with the NRM. It also solicited survivor input for the creation of an inspection regime for government-commissioned victim support services. In the Philippines, the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking conducted virtual focus group discussions with trafficking survivors to seek feedback on protection services, case management, and challenges in the provision of services.



| YEAR | PROSECUTIONS | CONVICTIONS | VICTIMS IDENTIFIED | NEW OR AMENDED LEGISLATION |
|------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 2015 | 1,796 (83) | 663 (26) | 9,661 (2,118) | 6 |
| 2016 | 1,513 (69) | 946 (24) | 8,821 (109) | 2 |
| 2017 | 1,571 (139) | 969 (114) | 10,011 (2,139) | 1 |
| 2018 | 1,252 (72) | 1,017 (177) | 11,683 (2,370) | 0 |
| 2019 | 1,324 (101) | 843 (34) | 12,352 (273) | 0 |
| 2020 | 910 (55) | 588 (27) | 11,100 (626) | 2 |
| 2021 | 1,382 (120) | 794 (49) | 12,343 (1,040) | 4 |

The above statistics are estimates derived from data provided by foreign governments and other sources and reviewed by the Department of State. Aggregate data fluctuates from one year to the next due to the hidden nature of trafficking crimes, dynamic global events, shifts in government efforts, and a lack of uniformity in national reporting structures. The numbers in parentheses are those of labor trafficking prosecutions, convictions, and victims identified.

HOW TO READ A COUNTRY NARRATIVE

This page shows a sample country narrative. The tier ranking justification appears in the first paragraph of each country narrative and includes language that explicitly highlights the factors supporting a given tier ranking. The Prosecution, Protection, and Prevention sections of each country narrative describe how a government has or has not addressed the relevant TVPA minimum standards (see pages 58-61), during the reporting period. This truncated narrative gives a few examples.

The country's tier ranking is based on the government's efforts to combat trafficking as measured against the TVPA minimum standards and compared to its efforts in the preceding year.

COUNTRY X: TIER 2 WATCH LIST

Synopsis of key developments that support the country's tier ranking.

The Government of X does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. These efforts included undertaking awareness raising efforts and reaffirming its commitment to enact anti-trafficking legislations. However, the government did not demonstrate overall increasing efforts compared to the previous reporting period. The government did not show evidence of overall progress in prosecuting and punishing trafficking offenders and identifying victims of trafficking. Therefore, X remained on Tier 2 Watch List for the second consecutive year.

Prioritized recommendations for how the government can better meet the TVPA minimum standards.

PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS:
Enact the draft comprehensive anti-trafficking legislation • Significantly increase efforts to investigate and prosecute trafficking offenses, and convict and punish offenders • Institute and consistently apply measures to identify victims of trafficking among vulnerable populations, such as those arrested for immigration violations, and disaggregate, analyze and disseminate enforcement data.

TVPA Minimum Standard 1-3—whether the government prohibits all forms of trafficking and prescribes adequate criminal punishments.

Summary of the government's anti-trafficking laws and law enforcement efforts.

PROSECUTION
The Government of Country X decreased efforts to investigate and prosecute trafficking offenses during the reporting period. Country X does not prohibit all forms of trafficking, but it criminalizes slavery under Section 321 and forced labor under Section 322 of its criminal law. The prescribed penalty for forced labor—up to six months' imprisonment—is not sufficiently stringent. Article 297 prohibits forced or coerced prostitution, and the prostitution of a child below age 15 even if there was no compulsion or redress; the prescribed penalty is up to 15 years' imprisonment, which is commensurate with penalties prescribed for other serious crimes, such as rape. Draft revisions to the penal code have not yet been enacted. An unconfirmed report indicates that four traffickers were charged with fraudulently issuing visas to workers who they then exploited. Two were reportedly deported, and two were reportedly convicted. The government did not confirm nor deny the existence of this case. The government did not report any investigations, prosecutions, or convictions of government employees complicit in human trafficking offenses.

TVPA Minimum Standard 4(1)—whether the government vigorously investigates and prosecutes trafficking offenses; convicts and punishes trafficking offenders; and provides data on these actions.

Summary of the government's efforts to ensure trafficking victims are identified and provided adequate protection.

PROTECTION
Country X maintained minimal efforts to protect victims of trafficking during the reporting period. Although health care facilities reportedly refer suspected abuse cases to the government anti-trafficking shelter for investigation, the government continues to lack a systematic procedure for law enforcement to identify victims of trafficking among vulnerable populations, such as foreign workers awaiting deportation and woman arrested for involvement in commercial sex; as a result, victims may be punished and automatically deported without being identified as victims or offered protection. The government reported that the Ministry of the Interior has a process by which it refers victims to the trafficking shelter; however, this process is underutilized in practice. The trafficking shelter assisted 24 individuals during the reporting period and provided them with a wide range of services, including full medical treatment and legal and job assistance.

TVPA Minimum Standard 4(2)—whether the government adequately protects victims of trafficking by identifying them and ensuring they have access to necessary services.

Country X commonly fines and detains potential trafficking victims for unlawful acts their traffickers forced them to do, such as immigration violations and leaving from their spots without determining whether the individuals are victims of trafficking.

TVPA Minimum Standard 4(2)—whether the government ensures victims are not penalized for the unlawful acts their traffickers forced them to commit and encourages victim participation in investigations and prosecutions, including by providing legal alternatives to their removal from the country.

Country X sometimes offers temporary relief from deportation so that victims can testify as witnesses against their employers. However, victims were generally not permitted to leave the country if there is a pending case. The government did not routinely encourage victims to assist in trafficking investigations or consistently offer victims alternatives to removal to countries where they may face retribution or hardship.

PREVENTION

Country X increased efforts to prevent trafficking in persons during the reporting period. While the government made no apparent effort to amend provisions of Country X's sponsorship law to help prevent the forced labor of migrant workers, the government did start to enforce other parts of the law to the benefit of migrant workers. One provision in the sponsorship law continues to require foreign workers to request exit permits from their sponsors in order to leave Country X. Although this may increase migrant workers' vulnerability to forced labor, the law created a new process through which a laborer who was not granted an exit permit due to a sponsor's refusal or other circumstances can seek one by other means. The Ministry of Labor sponsored media campaigns and organized informational workshops for officials, NGOs, and labor recruitment agencies. However, the government did not provide anti-trafficking training or guidance to its diplomatic personnel during the reporting period. The government has a national plan of action to address trafficking in persons, but did not publicly disseminate the plan or take steps to implement it during the reporting period. The government did not implement any public awareness campaigns aimed at reducing the demand for commercial sex acts in Country X, but it convicted two of its nationals for soliciting children for sex in other countries and sentenced them to 10 years' imprisonment.

TVPA Minimum Standard 4(3)—whether the government is making adequate efforts to prevent human trafficking.

Summary of the government's efforts to prevent human trafficking.

TRAFFICKING PROFILE

As reported over the past five years, human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims in Country X, and traffickers exploit victims from Country X abroad. Men and women from South and Southeast Asia, East Africa, and the Middle East voluntarily travel to Country X as laborers and domestic servants, but they subsequently face conditions indicative of involuntary servitude. These conditions include threats of legal action and deportation; restriction on freedom of movement; and confiscation of passports and travel documents. In some cases, arriving in Country X on the terms of employment they agreed to in their home countries, individuals employed as domestic servants were vulnerable to trafficking since they are not covered by the provisions of the labor law. A small number of foreign workers transit Country X and are forced to work on farms in Country Y. Country X is also a destination for women who migrate and become involved in commercial sex, but the extent to which these women are subjected to sex trafficking is unknown.

TVPA Minimum Standard 4(12)—whether the government has made efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex acts, and, if applicable, participation in international sex tourism by its nationals.

Overview of human trafficking in the country and factors affecting vulnerability to trafficking of the country's nationals abroad.

COUNTRY NARRATIVES



Migrant workers sit near a construction site. Workers in the construction industry are highly vulnerable to human trafficking and are typically paid low wages to do jobs often referred to as "three D" jobs for "dirty, dangerous, and difficult."

combat human trafficking. The National Directorate of the Police, which sits within the MDI, maintained a specialized office to coordinate migration issues, including those involving human trafficking. The government continued to partially implement its 2015-2022 NAP; however, the government did not report providing a specific anti-trafficking budget allocation for the NAP's activities. In 2021, the government, in partnership with an international organization, launched the country's first national strategy for migration, which included procedures to screen migrants for trafficking indicators. In partnership with civil society, the government held awareness campaigns targeting local government officials and vulnerable migrants on trafficking indicators and potential vulnerabilities; the government did not conduct awareness campaigns in the previous year. The UNFD operated two 24-hour hotlines to report cases of GBV and refer victims to services, which could be utilized by trafficking victims; the government continued to publicize hotline information on its website and local radio and television stations. The UNFD reported the hotline received more than 1,200 calls in 2021; however, the hotline did not report identifying any trafficking victims. Labor recruitment and placement companies were subject to random inspections by the inspector general; however, the government did not report how many inspections of these companies it conducted or if any inspections led to potential trafficking investigations. The government continued to conduct labor inspections, particularly in the construction sector, to enforce laws against forced labor; however, the government did not report identifying any trafficking victims during these inspections or investigating any potential violations. The government did not make efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex acts.

TRAFFICKING PROFILE

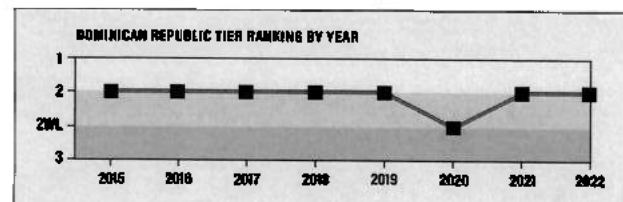
As reported over the past five years, human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims in Djibouti, and to a lesser extent, traffickers exploit victims from Djibouti abroad. Adults and children, primarily economic and often undocumented migrants from Ethiopia and Somalia, transit Djibouti voluntarily en route to Yemen and other locations in the Middle East, particularly Saudi Arabia. Traffickers, often outside of Djibouti, exploit an unknown number of these migrants in forced labor and sex trafficking in their intended destinations; this population is also vulnerable to trafficking in various transit points, particularly Yemen. Economic migrants who transit Djibouti to return to their respective countries of origin are vulnerable to trafficking. An international organization observed an increase in returning migrants due to travel restrictions or economic impacts of the ongoing pandemic in the Middle East. According to government estimates and an international organization, approximately 90,000 migrants—predominantly Ethiopian—transited Djibouti (population of less than one million) in 2021, including both land and sea crossings, putting a significant strain on the government's already limited resources. The civil war in Yemen continued to generate a reverse flow of persons from Yemen to Djibouti; migrants voluntarily fled or were illegally or forcibly deported from Aden, and many of them reported suffering physical abuse and may have been trafficking victims. As of April 2022, Djibouti hosts more than 35,000 refugees and asylum-seekers; some individuals in this population may have endured exploitation before their arrival in Djibouti and remained vulnerable to trafficking. Given the protracted political instability in Ethiopia's Oromia region, many Ethiopian nationals, including unaccompanied children, continued to journey on foot from Ethiopia to Djibouti either to claim asylum with their families or to continue onward to destination countries in Gulf states; this population remains vulnerable to trafficking. Since November 2020, ongoing conflict in northern Ethiopia has left Ethiopians of Tigrayan ethnicity in Djibouti unable or unwilling to return to Ethiopia; many of these migrants reported abuses and may have been trafficking victims at various points on their journey, particularly in Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

Migrant and local children in Djibouti City, particularly along the Siesta Beach road, may be vulnerable to sex trafficking. Traffickers may exploit Djiboutian and migrant women and children living on the street in sex trafficking or forced labor in Djibouti City, the Ethiopia-Djibouti trucking corridor, and Obock, the main departure and arrival point for Yemen. Traffickers may exploit migrant women in sex trafficking at truck stops and in restaurants and guest houses in Balbala, one of Djibouti's poorest neighborhoods. Traffickers, including family members, may exploit

local and migrant children in forced begging. Traffickers may exploit foreign workers—including Ethiopians, Yemenis, Indians, Pakistanis, and Filipinos—in forced labor in domestic servitude, construction, and food service sectors. Cuban medical professionals working in Djibouti may have been forced to work by the Cuban government. In 2021, Tunisian officials reported identifying one Djiboutian victim of forced labor in Tunisia.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: TIER 2

The Government of the Dominican Republic does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. The government demonstrated overall increasing efforts compared with the previous reporting period, considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its anti-trafficking capacity; therefore the Dominican Republic remained on Tier 2. These efforts included convicting more traffickers; opening a trafficking-specific shelter; improving victim screening, referral to care, and data collection; assisting foreign governments in trafficking cases; and registering and documenting Venezuelan migrants vulnerable to trafficking. However, the government did not meet the minimum standards in several key areas. Efforts to identify and assist trafficking victims appeared inequitable, with the government not providing justice for or screening and assisting Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent. The government did not pass a revised trafficking law to remove the requirement to prove force, fraud, or coercion of sex trafficking victims younger than 18 years of age; did not adequately fund anti-trafficking efforts; did not provide sufficient training, resources, and technology to officials, especially outside of the capital; and did not complete a new National Action Plan (NAP). Government services available for victims, particularly male victims, remained inadequate.



PRIORITIZED RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proactively and consistently screen Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent, particularly pregnant women, migrants, and those in the sugar industry, for trafficking indicators and refer them to care. • Develop, implement, and fund a new National Action Plan, and ensure the Inter-institutional Commission against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants (CITIM) meets regularly to carry out its anti-trafficking functions. • Amend the 2003 anti-trafficking law to remove the requirement to prove force, fraud, and coercion of sex trafficking victims younger than 18 years of age to be consistent with international law. • Issue or re-issue identity documents to Haitians in border communities, Haitians in the country, and Dominicans of Haitian descent. • Vigorously investigate, prosecute, and convict traffickers, and apply appropriate sentences as ordered by law. • Provide adequate human and financial resources and training to law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges to combat trafficking, particularly in areas outside of Santo Domingo, and ensure the National Police can routinely connect with other source or destination countries, including Haiti. • Ensure potential child trafficking victims involved in gangs and drug trafficking are not penalized for unlawful acts; traffickers compel them to commit, and ensure they are screened, identified, and referred to care. • Expand consistent access to care, including a dedicated shelter, for male trafficking victims. • Increase the number of translators, especially in Haitian Creole, to assist in victim identification and referral to care. • Improve legal representation for victims, including by strengthening the Service for Legal Representation of Victims' Rights (RELEVIC). • Increase criminal investigations and prosecutions of government officials allegedly complicit in trafficking and impose stronger sentences. • Fully

implement the Electronic Investigations Module as an official tool both in investigations and in official communications between the National Police and the Public Ministry.

PROSECUTION

The government increased prosecution efforts. Dominican law criminalized sex trafficking and labor trafficking. The 2003 Law on Human Smuggling and Trafficking (Law 137-03) criminalized all forms of labor trafficking and some forms of sex trafficking and prescribed penalties of 15 to 20 years' imprisonment and fines. Inconsistent with international law, the law required a demonstration of force, fraud, or coercion to constitute a child sex trafficking offense and therefore did not criminalize all forms of child sex trafficking. Article 25 of the Child Protection Code of 2003 criminalized the offering, delivering, or accepting, without regard to means used, anyone younger than 18 years of age for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labor, or any other purpose that demeaned the individual, for remuneration or any other consideration, and prescribed a penalty of 20 to 30 years' imprisonment and a fine. All these penalties were sufficiently stringent and, with respect to sex trafficking, commensurate with those prescribed for other serious crimes, such as rape. During the previous reporting period, the government drafted legislation to remove the provision requiring a demonstration of force, fraud, or coercion to constitute a child sex trafficking crime; the legislation remained pending at the end of the reporting period.

The Attorney General's Office and the police anti-trafficking unit (ATU) reported jointly initiating 53 trafficking investigations involving 76 people (47 cases of 69 people for sex trafficking and six cases of seven people for labor trafficking). The Attorney General's Office and the ATU reported initiating 107 investigations in 2020. The government continued investigations in 15 cases (six for sex trafficking, three for labor trafficking, and six cases for unspecified exploitation including pandering and procuring) from previous reporting periods. The government reported initiating prosecutions of 46 alleged traffickers (41 for sex trafficking and five for labor trafficking), compared with initiating prosecutions against 42 defendants in 2020 (36 for sex trafficking and six for labor trafficking). The government continued prosecutions of 52 suspects (42 for sex trafficking, four for labor trafficking, and six for pandering and procuring). Of the total prosecutions, the government prosecuted 92 alleged criminals under the anti-trafficking laws and six people under other laws. Courts convicted 10 traffickers (six for sex trafficking under the trafficking law and four for pandering and procuring under the penal code), compared with four traffickers in 2020. The government cooperated with four foreign governments on trafficking investigations. During the reporting period, 10 new or ongoing investigations and one conviction resulted from this international cooperation, as well as the identification of at least six trafficking victims. The government reported it enforced the law equitably; however, an international organization reported the government sometimes chose not to pursue cases when victims were migrants or undocumented Haitian women.

The Specialized Prosecutor's Office against the Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons (PETT) and the ATU were the principal law enforcement bodies pursuing trafficking cases, with police units in Santo Domingo, Punta Cana, San Cristóbal, Puerto Plata, and Boca Chica. An NGO and other observers reported the ATU was fully operational until the government changed its command in November 2021, after which it slowed its anti-trafficking activities while the new staff learned their responsibilities; the national police worked with provincial police units to continue investigations. The PETT had established liaisons in each of the 35 district attorney's offices nationwide. An NGO reported authorities almost exclusively dedicated their anti-trafficking efforts on addressing sex trafficking and the government did not make efforts or provide funding to combat labor trafficking. NGOs reported that Dominican authorities often lacked the training and technology for the identification, investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of both traditional and online trafficking crimes, sometimes favoring the rights of the defendant over those of the victim. The National Police, in cooperation with an NGO, developed an Electronic Investigation Module. The tool could expedite and improve the quality of investigations carried out by the National Police and the Attorney General, but a change in command at the Department of Investigations delayed its full implementation. An NGO

reported that although the National Police and Public Ministry carried out investigations, the budget allocation for the specialized trafficking units in these institutions was insufficient, and civil society actors continued to be the primary funders of these efforts. An NGO reported the National Police largely prioritized internal trafficking cases because the police lacked the capacity and technological tools to routinely connect with other source or destination countries, including Haiti. The National Police, in cooperation with an NGO and supported by a foreign donor, carried out their Second National Operation Against Trafficking in Persons and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), during which multiple institutions worked together in a collaborative planning process; the NGO reported that such collaborative efforts were rare. Observers noted staffing changes in the PETT reportedly caused a significant loss of institutional knowledge on trafficking during the reporting period and some loss of coordination at the working level as the new staff learned their responsibilities. However, observers reported the PETT subsequently increased its interagency collaboration on investigations. An NGO reported it was common for officials to incorrectly perceive a trafficking victim as being a voluntary participant or complicit actor in a migrant smuggling business. The government also reported a lack of understanding of the nature of trafficking among the Dominican population hindered effective identification and investigation of the crime.

Corruption and official complicity in trafficking crimes remained significant concerns, inhibiting law enforcement action during the year. The government reported it filed a disciplinary action against the former head of the PETT for obstruction of justice; he was undergoing disciplinary hearings in court at the end of the reporting period. There were no other reports of official complicity during the reporting period, but an international organization noted there was limited data available on investigations and their results, particularly during the pandemic. The government did not report the status of a 2017 sex trafficking case involving police officers and members of the military. The government reported that in order to reduce official complicity, it rigorously screened and supervised security personnel providing services in border areas; it also increased salaries and training to officers. The government did not have courts specifically for trafficking cases, nor was there a separate judicial budget for trafficking. Courts used a virtual hearing system until mid-December 2021. The government also reported that experienced law enforcement personnel were insufficient at times due to COVID-19 cases and mitigation policies, which shifted personnel to enforcing curfews and other pandemic policies.

The National Migration Institute (INM) reported it trained a total of 155 people during the reporting period, including employees of the Directorate General of Migration on detecting the crime of trafficking and employees at the Ministry of Defense on the identification of fraudulent documents and imposters. An international organization funded the majority of the workshops. The National School of the Judiciary trained its personnel on trafficking. The National Police, in partnership with an NGO and an international organization, carried out training for 300 investigators including police officers, prosecutors, other public servants, as well as members of civil society on trafficking and CSEC investigations.

PROTECTION

The government maintained victim protection efforts. Authorities reported identifying 65 victims (29 of sex trafficking, eight of labor trafficking, and 28 of unspecified exploitation including pandering), compared with 95 potential victims (82 of sex trafficking and 13 of labor trafficking) in 2020, 195 potential victims in 2019, and 96 potential victims in 2018. Of the sex trafficking victims, six were women, including four Dominicans and two Colombians, 21 were girls, including 18 Dominicans and three Haitians, and two were Dominican boys. Of the labor trafficking victims, one was a Venezuelan woman, one was a U.S. citizen man, four were Dominican girls, and two were U.S. citizen boys. Of the other victims, 11 were women, 15 were men, and two were girls, all of whom were Dominican. NGOs initially identified and referred to authorities three of the child sex trafficking victims. Observers noted data collection improved somewhat during the current reporting period as the number of reported sex trafficking victims in previous reporting periods may have included individuals in commercial sex who were not victims present

during raids of nightclubs. In current and previous reporting periods, statistics may not have included potential Haitian victims not screened or referred before deportation, despite the known prevalence of trafficking among Haitian migrants. The government reported it referred all 65 victims to government or government-supported NGO services and all received services, compared with 12 confirmed victims referred to care in the previous reporting period, but it did not specify which services the victims received. Observers also noted data collection improved with respect to the government's reporting of individuals referred to care.

The government largely relied on NGOs and religious-based organizations to provide accommodations for foreign and Dominican trafficking victims in addition to psychological, reintegration, repatriation, and medical assistance and services. These organizations had limited technical skills and resources and lacked capacity to provide for the large number of victims in country. An NGO reported the National Council for Children and Adolescents (CONANI) experienced two changes in leadership during the reporting period, neither of which improved the performance of the agency, which still struggled to provide emergency care for child victims and psychotherapeutic treatment for victims. The government reported implementing health protocols for victim services in response to the pandemic. The Tourist Police identified child victims during patrols or from public calls at tourist attractions, such as parks and clandestine privately-owned hostels; other tourist areas such as beaches and spas were closed due to the pandemic. The Tourist Police provided personal protective equipment kits with gloves, masks, and hand sanitizer to child victims.

The government reported PETT's investigations department identified victims or possible victims during operations. When carrying out an operation or investigation, the government reported using screening and referral protocols. However, government and outside observers noted authorities did not consistently or effectively implement the protocols, particularly with regard to screening detained migrants. The government reported that, when detaining or arresting individuals in commercial sex, migrants, or other at-risk groups, law enforcement, immigration, and social services personnel conducted an assessment to determine if they were trafficking victims; however, it did not identify any victims as a result of these assessments. Police may have penalized child trafficking victims, particularly those involved in robbery gangs or illicit narcotics, for unlawful acts traffickers compelled them to commit. An NGO also reported the lack of interpreters, particularly for Haitian nationals, continued to hinder victim identification efforts. With the support of an international organization and an NGO, the Directorate General of Migration, the Security Department (CSEC), and the two specialized departments of the Attorney General and the National Police signed an MOU in March 2022 to improve the airport screening process for trafficking victims. Authorities likely detained, arrested, and deported some unidentified trafficking victims, including Venezuelan migrants. The government and an international organization developed and used standard operating procedures for children recovered in international waters.

The government reported it referred all child victims to the National Directorate for Children, Adolescents, and Family to coordinate victim services. CONANI provided protection both in its shelters and in residential programs run by NGOs for as long as required. The Central Directorate of the Tourism Police arranged lodging for potential child victims in conjunction with CONANI and NGOs. The government opened a permanent shelter for trafficking victims run by the Ministry of Women in July 2021 with capacity for 24 adult victims; the government sheltered five victims there during the reporting period. The Ministry of Women reported it opened an additional 15 shelters for victims of gender-based violence including trafficking victims during the reporting period. The trafficking shelter reportedly provided psychological and legal assistance, immigration support, comprehensive health care, food, education, and job training. An NGO reported the government continued to offer victims services on a temporary basis and government funding and service quality was inadequate. RELEVIC could also provide public lawyers to represent victims. The government reported it also provided legal assistance for victims who wished to file civil suits for compensation against the traffickers; NGOs reported prosecutors did not always pursue restitution for victims and without public legal assistance victims were often unable to afford to pursue the case. The government reported

the Department of Mental Health provided psychological assistance to victims. The National Health Service could conduct medical evaluations of trafficking victims at hospitals in Santo Domingo. The government reported it worked with the embassies and consulates of the country of origin of foreign victims to provide consular and repatriation services and represent their interests as necessary. The government reported it tailored services according to the victims' needs. An international organization reported the government did not refer or provided delayed or insufficient services for female Haitian trafficking victims.

An international organization reported finalizing a joint project with the judiciary to develop an interview protocol for child victims and witnesses of crimes of sexual violence that established guidelines for abiding by applicable human rights concerns and intended to avoid re-traumatizing the victims and witnesses; the government did not report implementing the protocol by the end of the reporting period. The government reported providing support to 56 victims in the investigation or prosecution of their alleged traffickers and conducting interviews of victim-witnesses in a Gesell Chamber to avoid re-victimization of survivors. The trafficking law did not provide immigration protections for trafficking victims whether or not they assisted with court cases. However, the government reported it did not detain or deport trafficking victims and that if victims wished to return to their country of origin, the government would forgive the overstay fee they may have incurred. Local NGOs stated that although the government did not deport foreign trafficking victims, it also did not offer temporary residence or work permits or take constructive steps to regularize a victim's immigration status after a short period of time. As a result, foreign victims may have found themselves without legal status, which increased their vulnerability to trafficking. The government permitted victims to work. An NGO reported judges could limit victims' movement, disincentivizing their participation in judicial actions. The government reported training officials on legal support and protection systems and assistance for victims and the identification and protection of child victims. The government reported no Dominican trafficking victims were identified abroad.

PREVENTION

The government maintained prevention efforts. CITIM, the national coordinating body responsible for efforts against trafficking chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met twice. The government reported it held six joint meetings between the National Steering Committee to Combat Child Labor and the Commission against Abuse and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. The government reported it delayed passage of the draft trafficking legislation in order to seek input from survivors in December 2021. The government did not complete its development of a new NAP to address trafficking. The government did not allocate specific funds for implementation of its existing 2018 NAP beyond the standard operating budgets for CITIM institutions. However, it allocated funds to the Ministry of Women for new shelters. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs did not publish on its website an annual evaluation of anti-trafficking efforts of each CITIM member institution as it had done in prior years. INM reported it implemented a research project on trafficking with funding from a foreign donor from 2018 to 2021; it studied trafficking among unaccompanied migrant children and adolescents and researched Dominican women exploited in trafficking abroad and their relationships with family members in the Dominican Republic, through case studies in Spain, Switzerland, and Costa Rica. INM shared the results of its studies with experts and made the results available to the public.

The government, in collaboration with an NGO, raised public awareness of trafficking and sexual exploitation in high tourist areas. The Ministry of Labor (MOL) carried out, in cooperation with an international organization and with funding from a foreign donor, an awareness campaign in Spanish against child labor. The government continued to disseminate material on billboards and to the local press and radio through the "Ojo Pelao" ("Eyes Peeled") awareness and prevention campaign for potential victims, focusing particularly on those individuals in commercial sex. PETT held awareness-raising roundtables with community leaders and members in partnership with NGOs. The government promoted the opening of the trafficking shelter. The government continued the national "No Hay Excusas" ("No Excuses") campaign against child sexual exploitation. The government conducted an awareness campaign for the Tourism Police on trafficking and child labor in coordination with an

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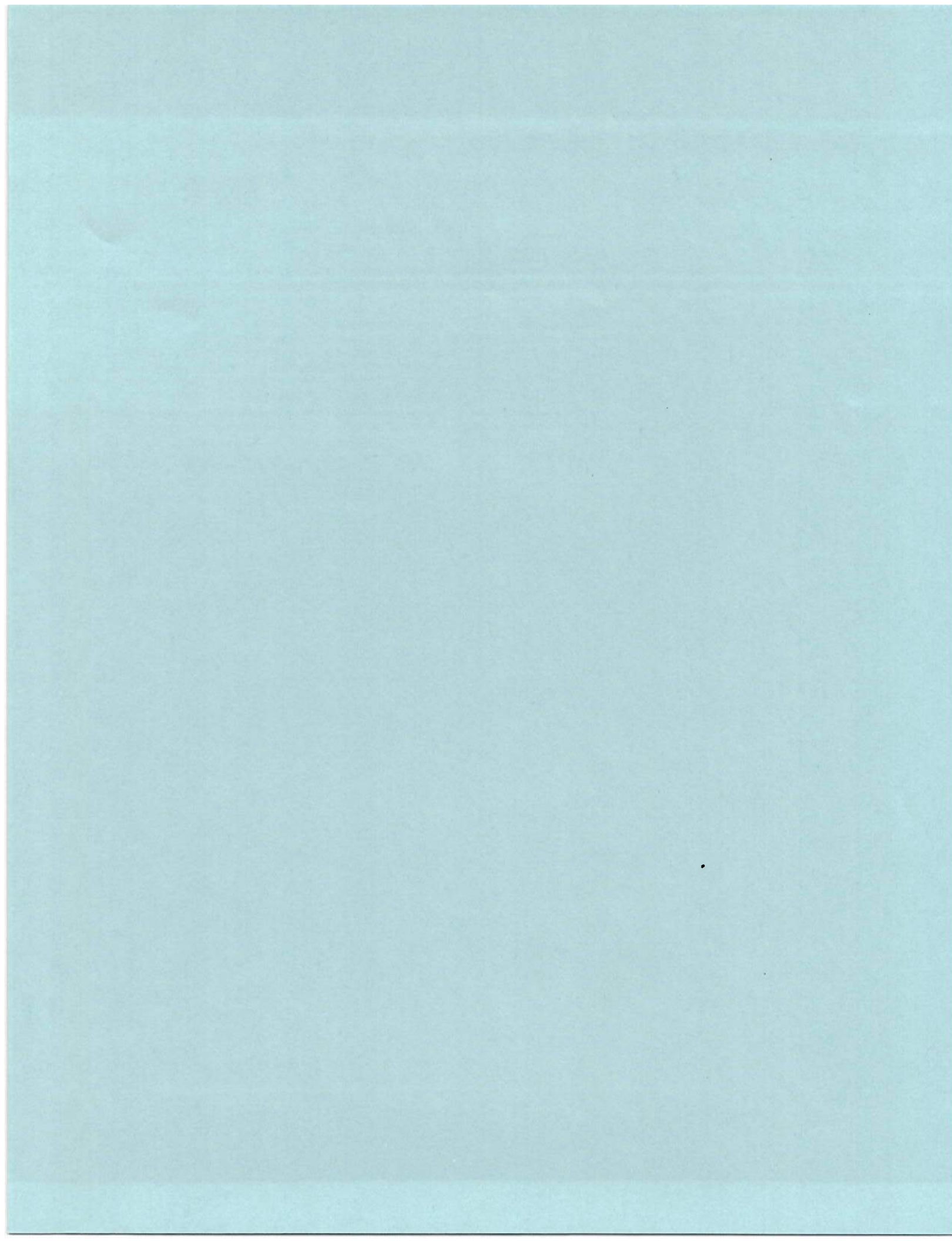
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Hardships described in different neighborhoods of the capital city

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The narrow, deteriorated streets, without a regulation of the fluvial waters, is a degrading reality shared in common among the peripheral neighborhoods of the city of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, DR.

Based on a study carried out by the Dominican Institute of Integral Development (IDDI), and based on data that identifies the 18 Santo Domingo districts with the highest levels of poverty and criminality, Listín Diario made a tour through some of these human settlements.

The sectors studied by the Institute are Cristo Rey, Capotillo, Gualay, María Auxiliadora, Mejoramiento Social, Las Cañitas, Villa Juana, Ensanche Espaillat, La Ciénaga, Simón Bolívar, Villa María, Ensanche Luperón, Zurza, Villas Agrícolas, 27 de Febrero, Guachupita, Los Guandules and Villa Consuelo.

María Auxiliadora Neighborhood

In this neighborhood, where just walking through its streets, one can see the reflection of its needs, insecurity, water, and other shortages and difficulties, making the life of the neighborhoods difficult.

There, the neighbors affirm that they have had more than a year without water and that, despite making approaches to the authorities, these turn a “blind eye.”

“We rent the water, there is a lady who made a submersible pump and sells the water for 300 pesos per hour, you connect your hose and it fills up,” said José Miguel.

When asked about security in the area, José said that thieves do not have schedules to carry out their misdeeds.

“This is at all hours, one day the police make a couple of rounds, from allante, and they no longer attack with knives, this is directly with gun in hand; if you walk around with nothing, they hit you, and if you don’t want to give what you have, they also give you your bullet,” added José.

Other community members consulted reported that they have more users of harmful substances than sellers.

“Here, (from) marijuana you have to suck the smoke even if you don’t smoke; it’s a fumadera on every corner, above villegas and everyone who comes along,” said María Martínez.

In the Capotillo neighborhood

the pavement in the streets of the Capotillo neighborhood is an annoying combination of dust and cracks. In its alleys, there are still traces of promises and politicians present on posters promoting their campaigns in the area.

Their faces crumble between the damp walls, just like their unfulfilled promises.

This is one of the neighborhoods with more drinking establishments than churches or schools. Its dwellers say the drug spots “breathe down their necks.”

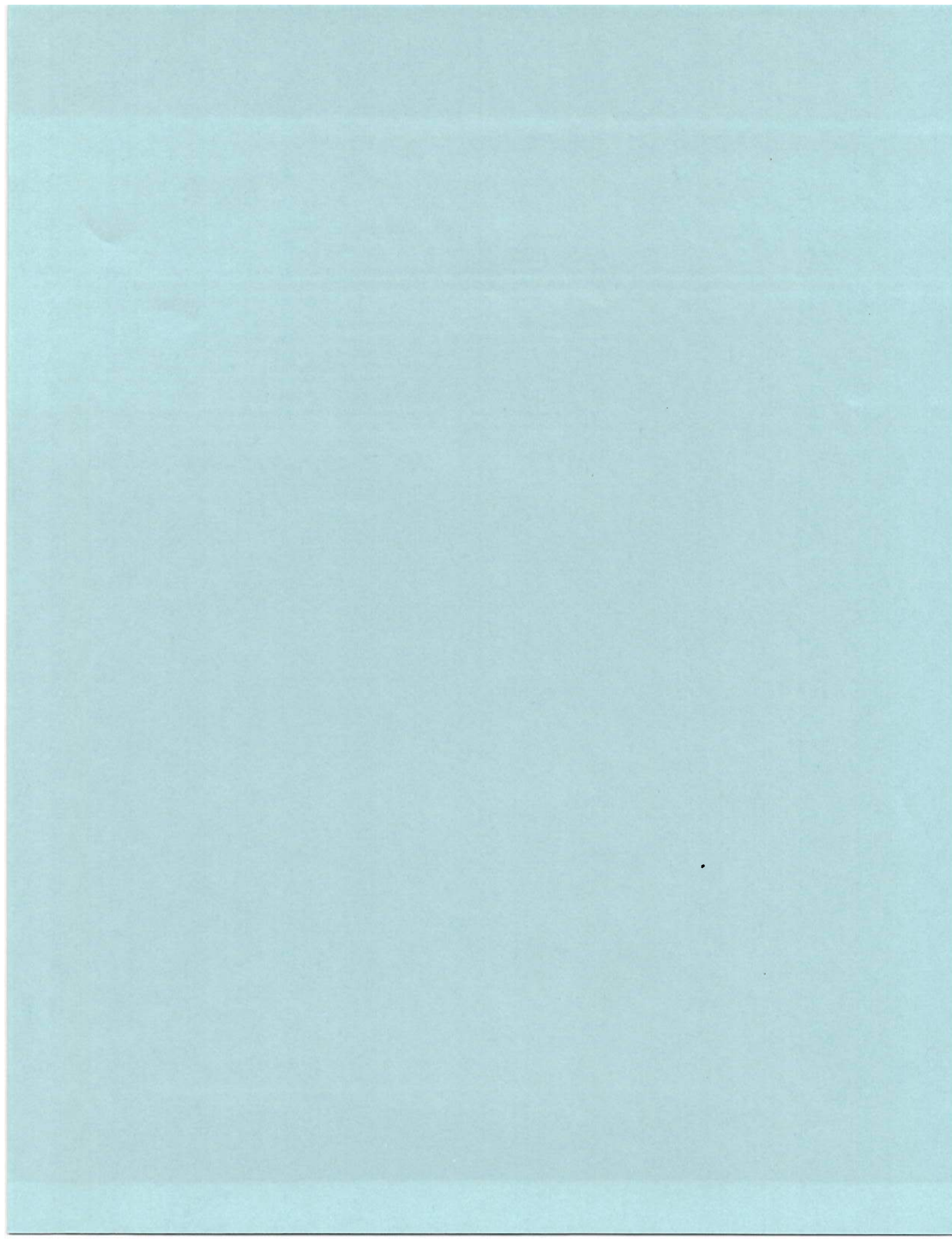
“Drugs are more easily obtained than food; between those who sell, those who use and the muggers it seems to be the daily bread, and look at this piece is one of the softest that Capotillo has,” expressed Julian Mieses.

Along with Julian was a group of friends who, when contacted, alleged that part of the ills afflicting their community is due to the fact that most of the young people in the sector are unemployed and with low schooling.

“Look, you go into a job and the boss after three months already wants you out,” he criticized. Aseguidas wonders “how do you ask people who are working not to starve to death; that’s where the other things come in, since the kids nowadays are not interested in studying, what they want is to be chiperos or dembowseros to get quick money,” said Ángel Carmona Bueno.

He considered “worrying” the number of underage girls in a state of gestation.

“They don’t allow themselves to raise these girls; as soon as their lemons grow, and sometimes not even that, they already have a boy in their mouths, and this causes problems and poverty, they usually give birth to another contemporary with them,” said Francisca Rosario.



Capotillo, a hot neighborhood

Merit Designs Consulting Group, 2006-2020 : 5-6 minutes

The Capotillo expansion is a sector that almost all citizens have heard of at least once, in good or bad form.

The more than 700,000 square meters that these neighborhood covers are the scene of hostile environments and residents who, with their actions, seek to dispel the shadows that permute over the name of the sector.

Los Manguitos, on 42nd Street in the capital's neighborhood, is one of the areas where the sun seems to shine the strongest, or at least that is how it is perceived.

Although the place as mentioned above is accessed through the same streets, wide at first and narrower as you enter the heart of the neighborhood, there "things get hot."

It was not noon, but the street was already burning with the crossing of motorcycles at full speed, the four-wheel-drive vehicles that zigzagged between the businesses established in the middle of the street and the sea of people who traveled the narrow roads with an up and down that seemed not to have an end.

Among the walkers, at least yesterday, Monday, the black color that a group of National Police "Topos" agents wore stood out from head to toe.

As it passed, the unit, trained to penetrate alleys in search of mitigating crimes, did searches and patrolled in groups of almost ten uniformed men: According to residents, their presence in the area is common.

No school or hospital

In the hectic Manguitos, with energy that shakes anyone who arrives with so much movement of people and cars, residents are losing primary service institutions before their eyes.

Two months ago, they lost a medical assistance center and, earlier, the only school that educated the youngest of the town within four walls with a single access door.

In the case of the hospital center, Rubén Tirado, president of the neighborhood council, explained that the doors were closed due to unsanitary conditions. "There was no water, no bathrooms, and the owners asked for the premises," Tirado said.

Likewise, the community leader, together with his peer Félix Antonio Moronta, pointed out that the students of the small educational establishment were transferred to the Salomé Ureña center, and now they have to walk "a long time" to get there.

"They left us without a school, there is no school," Tirado stressed.

A source of light

Amid the many needs that afflict the sector and for which on February 16 "Capotillo stood up" to protest in a

demonstration that caused the militarization of its main access roads, the request for expansion emerges from the Santa Clara de Asís polytechnic.

The entity has been training technical high school graduates in gastronomy, administration, software, and other areas for 14 years, being the only one of its kind.

In Santa Clara de Asís, there are 275 registered students, and only in this academic period between 210 and 260 students were left out due to lack of space, according to its director, Carlos Montás.

He indicated that in the management of the former minister of the Ministry of Education (Minerd), Andrés Navarro, the expansion was promised for which 20 million pesos had already been allocated for the work.

However, the center's administration has made efforts to find out the whereabouts of the funds. Still, they have not yet received a response from the authorities of the Dominican educational sector.

"We don't know if they are there or if they were finally deposited," he said.

The center, which the director describes as one of the "great lights" of Capotillo due to its responsibility of being the only technical training school and high statistics of employability of its graduates, requires an investment of 1,300,000 pesos that they requested from MINERD.

"In the President's speech yesterday, I saw that intention to serve. And I felt identified with him when he said that where the need is, the community presents it. This is our need," he stated. But it is not only the limited study space; Montás also described that below the physical plant runs a ravine that floods the entrance and even school corridors with feces in times of rain.

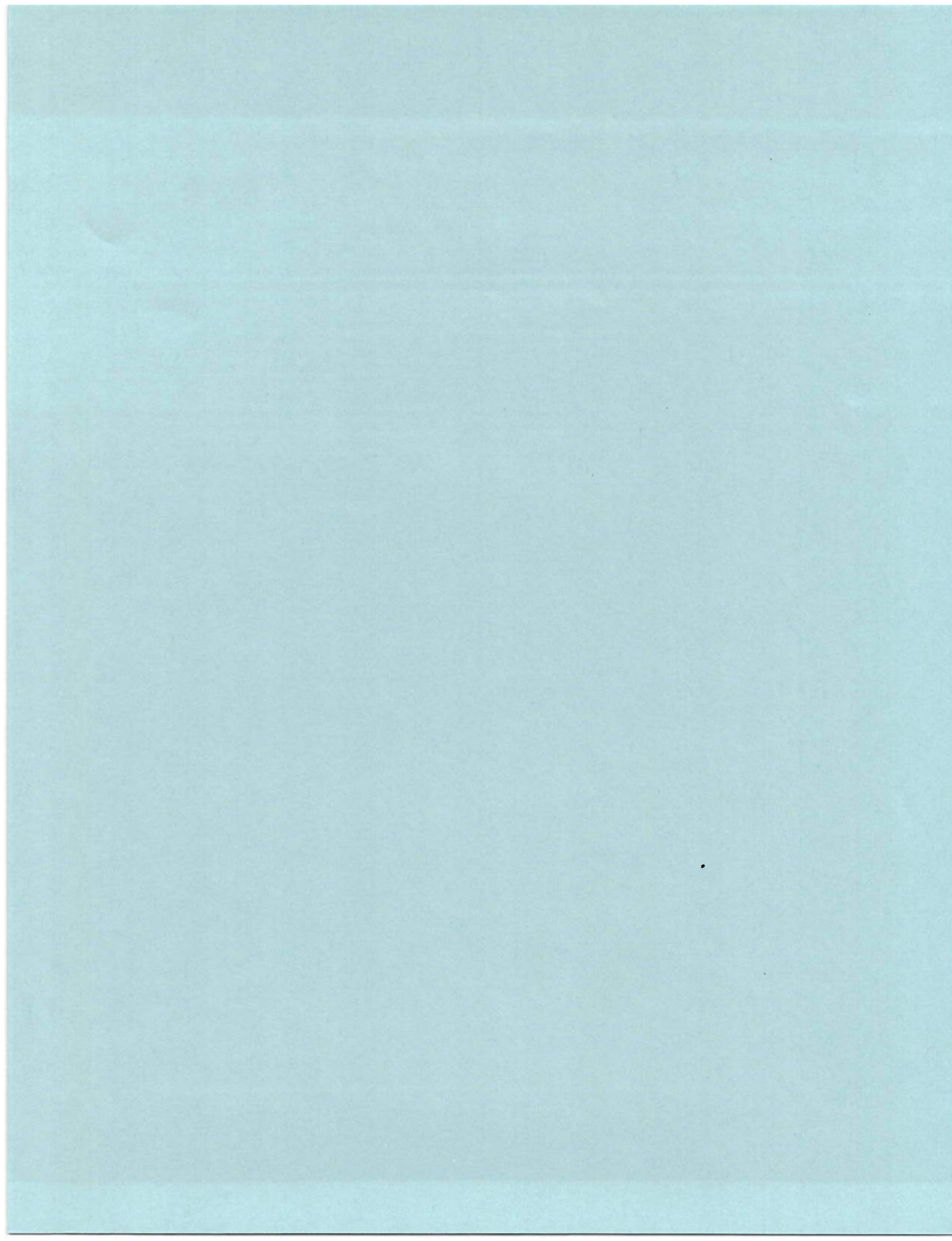
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Cañada.

To resolve the flooding with feces, they have knocked on the doors of the Santo Domingo Aqueduct and Sewerage Corporation, an entity with which they have been fighting for the intervention of the ravine for seven years.

Long way.

Another of the demands revolved around the construction of "El Tunel," the name was given to a long road that leads from 6th Street in Capotillo to the banks of the Isabela River to improve the living condition.



'Painting light' in El Capotillo, worst barrio of Santo Domingo

Volunteering



El Capotillo. Ask any Dominican about this barrio of Santo Domingo and their first response is one of curiosity: why would any foreigner be interested in this neighborhood in the first place? Tell them you're thinking of volunteering there on a free Sunday afternoon and their look goes from being curious to utter disbelief: "You gotta be kidding, right?"

Because El Capotillo is...well, it's El Capotillo. The barrio that has the 'privilege' of being considered the worst neighborhood in Santo Domingo. A place where 90,000 people live in a space of less than 1,5 square kilometer. Where kids start playing the game of 'making babies' at age 8. And young girls give birth as early as 13 years old.

Perhaps "most dangerous" would be a better qualification though: after all the barrio has the highest per capita murder rates of the Dominican Republic. And the same kids that start playing the game of making babies so young often end up making a living out of robbing people and selling drugs, many ending up dead or in prison before they make it to 18 years old.

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It's one of those areas that most better off Dominicans prefer not to 'see'. After all, this is the side of the Dominican Republic that reminds them of the immense inequality and poverty that can still be found in the country. Poverty that some of them themselves only quite recently escaped.

The result is that barrios like El Capotillo are often overlooked by institutions and organizations that organize development activities elsewhere.

Which is why today, as part of an initiative of Fundacion Pinta Solidaridad we went out there to spend some time with local kids. Go paint with them and have a good time essentially.





Some may wonder “why painting, out of all things?” Isn’t that another one of these typical “NGO” type of things? It’s cute and looks good on the pictures and all that. But what does it REALLY do for the people that live there?

I admittedly asked myself these questions too. But then I found out that even a few hours of painting actually meant a lot for these kids:

Most of the time they’re overlooked, as the adults are too busy doing their thing: dealing drugs, picking fights, and a bunch of other stuff that doesn’t exactly serve as an example for the local kids. In fact, as we were doing the activity a fight broke out between two guys, going at each other with a knife and a machete! Outside a school!

Which explains why, when we talked with the kids about their dreams, and if they could come up with one ‘superpower’ they could use to ‘save the world’, one said “pelear”.... Spanish for fighting...Given what was going on outside the gates of the school you couldn’t really blame him either...



But then, as we continued the exercise, he ended up making a painting of a sun. For his mother. And afterwards he helped his friend sign *his* painting when the latter wasn't sure how to spell and write his name.

Working together instead of fighting. Providing a brief, colorful escape from the harsh realities these kids face in every day life. It may not seem like a lot. But sometimes small things like this truly do matter.

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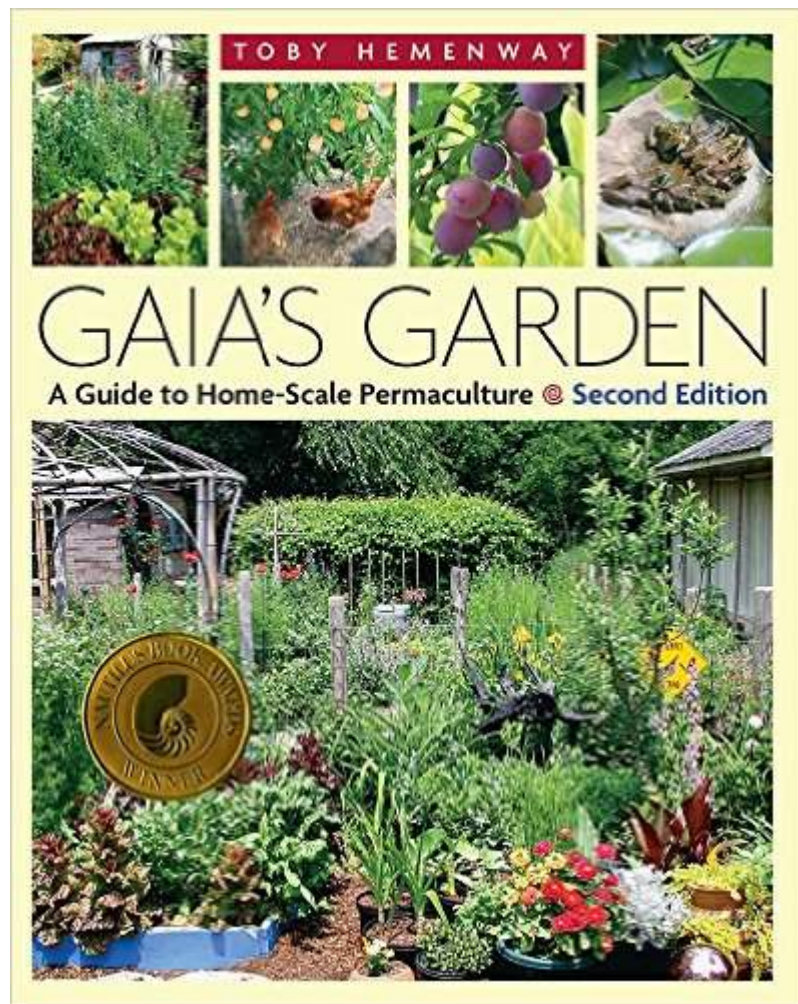
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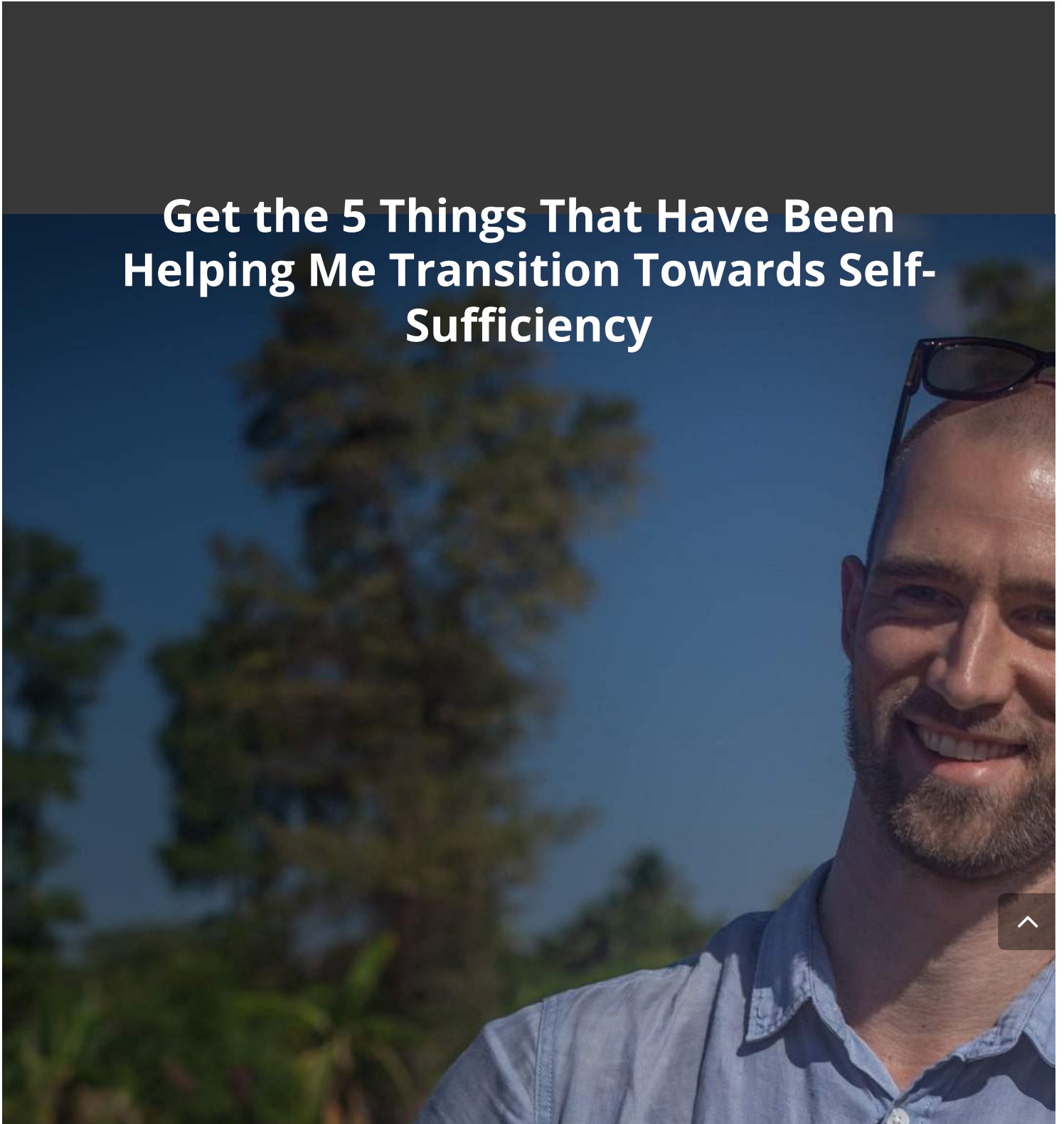
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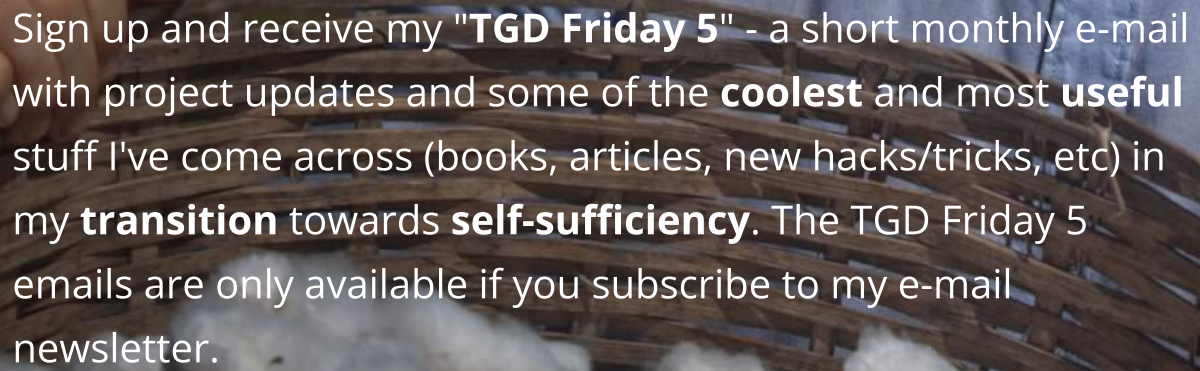


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