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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JOSUE CASTANEDA JUAREZ, et al.,

Petitioner,

v.

NATHALIE ASHER, et al.

Respondents.

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-00700-JLR-MLP

DECLARATION OF
DREW BOSTOCK

I, **Drew H. Bostock**, hereby make the following declaration with respect to the above-captioned matter:

1. I am an Officer in Charge (“OIC”) with the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”), Enforcement and Removal Operations (“ERO”) in the Seattle Field Office (“ERO Seattle”). I have held this position since December 2019. Prior to this, I was the Assistant Field Office Director from December 2017 to December 2019. I am currently assigned to the Northwest ICE Processing Center (“NWIPC”) in Tacoma, Washington. I have worked in various other positions within ICE since February 2007.

2. Among my responsibilities as the OIC, I manage the detained docket for the aliens who are detained at the NWIPC. I am providing this declaration in response to the Court’s Order of June 4, 2020 **requiring ICE to notify the Court within 24 hours if any individual at the NWIPC tests positive for COVID-19.** See Docket No. 83. This declaration is based upon my

personal and professional knowledge and information obtained from various records and systems

1 maintained by DHS and The GEO Group, Inc. in the regular course of business. I provide this
2 declaration based on the best of my knowledge, information, belief, and reasonable inquiry for
3 the above captioned case.
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5 3. On the evening of October 21, 2020, ICE was notified by GEO that a GEO
6 employee has tested positive for COVID-19. This declaration is based upon preliminary
7 information provided by GEO. Some details may be subject to change pending the results of the
8 ongoing investigation.
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10 4. According to the preliminary information provided by GEO, the GEO officer last
11 worked at the NWIPC on October 12, 2020. On October 13, 2020, the officer was refused entry
12 to the NWIPC and has been on leave since that time. The GEO employee was last at the NWIPC
13 on October 14, 2020 to complete leave paperwork but did not enter the detained side of the
14 facility and was therefore not in proximity to any detainees.
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16 5. It is ICE's understanding that the GEO officer was tested for COVID-19 on
17 October 18, 2020 and the results were received by GEO from county health officials on October
18 21, 2020. It is further ICE's understanding that there may have been a one day delay in
19 notification to GEO while the county attempted to locate the officer's place of employment.
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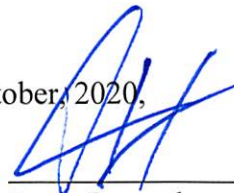
21 6. Both ICE and GEO are currently in the process of contact tracing.

22 7. ICE further notes that, on October 16, 2020, GEO issued a memorandum stating
23 that all GEO employees are required to wear face masks when encountering or interacting with
24 others (including detainees, staff, visitors, etc.) and in all "public" areas of the facility (including
25 the lobby, hallways, housing units, etc.) at all times regardless of whether anyone else is present.
26 According to the memorandum, employees who fail to adhere to these requirements will be
27 subject to discipline up to and including termination.
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1 8. There are currently no known COVID-19 positive detainees at the NWIPC. All
2 detainees who had previously tested positive have since met the criteria for release from medical
3 isolation. To date, no detainee in the general population or exposed to the general population at
4 the NWIPC has tested positive for COVID-19.
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6 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true
7 and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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9 Executed this 22nd day of October, 2020,
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12 Drew Bostock
13 Officer in Charge
14 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
15 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
16 Tacoma, WA
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