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JULY 18, 2015

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20258

U.S. Customs & Border Protection Office of sthe Chief Counsel 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20229

Re: FTCA Administrative Claims for:



Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a) and 6 C.F.R. §§ 5.41 *et seq.*, please find enclosed notices of administrative claims and supporting materials for my above-referenced clients.

Best regards,

R. Andrew Free, Esq.

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10. Nature and Extent of Injuries Forming Basis for the Claim:

The egregious deprivations Claimant experienced during her time in the hielera constitute negligence, gross negligence, invasion of privacy, false imprisonment, and intentional infliction of emotional distress on the part of CBP law enforcement officers and supervisors. Claimant's detention violated CBP's own binding policies, regulations, and statutes, as well as the U.S. Constitution's clearly established Due Process rights governing immigration detainees. As such, this tortious conduct is not subject to the FTCA's discretionary function exception, or any other FTCA exception.

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11. Witnesses:

Name	Address
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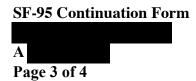
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During the hours that followed, Claimant and his wife attempted desperately to ascertain any substantive information regarding their release from custody. In response, one CBP official threatened Claimant's wife that if she went into labor, she and her two children would have to remain in detention for three months, and that Claimant would be deported to Honduras.



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As their time in detention continued, Claimant's son grew more visibly ill and dehydrated from the diarrhea. When Claimant and his wife inquired about medical treatment for their child—they had heard the sickest children may be taken to the hospital to receive antibiotics—a CBP official told Claimant, approximately, "all these kids keep getting sick, and every time we take one to the hospital, it slows everything down for everyone. We can take him if you want it to take longer [to be released]."

After nearly 72 hours in the hielera without access to adequate food, water, hygiene necessities, beds, blankets, bedding, warmth, sleep, and medical care, CBP officials drove Claimant, his son, and his wife to a Greyhound bus station and left them there at approximately 12:45 a.m. on Monday, 2013.

10. Nature and Extent of Injuries Forming Basis for the Claim:

The egregious deprivations Claimant experienced during his time in the hielera constitute negligence, gross negligence, invasion of privacy, false imprisonment, and intentional infliction of emotional distress on the part of CBP law enforcement officers and supervisors. Claimant's detention violated CBP's own binding policies, regulations, and statutes, as well as the U.S. Constitution's clearly established Due Process rights governing immigration detainees. As such, this tortious conduct is not subject to the FTCA's discretionary function exception, or any other exception in the FTCA.

CBP officials' tortious conduct caused Claimant to suffer non-economic damages, including physical pain and suffering, mental or emotional pain or anguish, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment of life, and other non-pecuniary losses.

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