



Hans Smedema &lt;hans.smedema@gmail.com&gt;

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**DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2025-05132**

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**eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov** <eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov>  
To: hans.smedema@gmail.com

Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 7:55 PM

Re: 2025-05132  
Freedom of Information Act Request for SMEDEMA, HANS

Dear Hans Smedema,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek the record of proceeding regarding the above-referenced individual.

We are providing the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Record of Proceeding (ROP) as provided to us by the Immigration Court, Federal Records Center, or Board of Immigration Appeals for the above-referenced individual. You may access and download the ROP for up to **60 days** at this link:

**CFR ROP (22 pages)-; <https://jefs.box.com/s/7bd5pfhag4u82kosjdrp4ci1slqfiqav>**

**\*Important: Do not click the link. You must copy and paste the link into your browser to view the file.**

There will be no charge for this information.

Please be aware that EOIR is a component of the **Department of Justice** and the custodian of records for the "Record of Proceedings" (ROP), which is the compilation of documents and digital audio recordings produced in proceedings before the immigration courts and the BIA. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the custodian of records for the "A-file," which is a series of records of a person's immigration history and is maintained and stored by DHS. **EOIR is not the custodian of records for DHS or its components, nor does EOIR have access to DHS's A-files.** EOIR does not create an ROP until matters are initiated by DHS. Nevertheless, EOIR may create and maintain ROPs for proceedings other than removal proceedings (i.e., credible fear reviews, bond hearings). You may request a copy of your Notice to Appear (NTA) and full A-file from [DHS](#).

Note that parties to immigration cases (including respondents and their representatives of record) have the option to request their Record of Proceedings directly from the immigration court or Board of Immigration Appeals. Please see the instructions here: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/ROPrequest>.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. See <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2012foiapost9.html>.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst who processed your request or the EOIR FOIA Public Liaison at [EOIR.FOIArequests@usdoj.gov](mailto:EOIR.FOIArequests@usdoj.gov). Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, [8601](#)

Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the EOIR's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, [441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530](#), or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

Sincerely,

FOIA Delivery

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Office of Immigration Review

U.S. Immigration Court (PIS)

27991 Buena Vista Blvd.

Los Fresnos, TX 78566

MEMORANDUM

TO: Crystal Souza, FOIA POC  
Office of General Counsel, FOIA Unit  
5107 Leesburg Pike  
Suite # 2600  
Falls Church, VA 22041

FROM: Judy Gomez, FOIA POC  
USDOJ / EOIR / Intake Unit  
Immigration Court (PIS)

FOIA NUMBER	ALIEN NUMBER	LAST NAME
2017-8151	087-402-454	SMEDEMA

PLEASE RETURN ROP(S) TO  
JUDY GOMEZ, FOIA POC  
UPON COMPLETION

- \_\_\_\_\_ PENDING !!! NEXT Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- ~~XX~~ \_\_\_\_\_ CLOSED
- \_\_\_\_\_ TAPES INCLUDED
- \_\_\_\_\_ MIXED MEDIA
- \_\_\_\_\_ TAPES NOT INCLUDED

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

IMMIGRATION COURT  
27991 BUENA VISTA BLVD  
LOS FRESNOS, TX 78566

In the Matter of:

Case No: A087-402-454

SMEDEMA, HANS

IN: CREDIBLE FEAR REVIEW PROCEEDINGS

Respondent

ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

On Dec 6, 2013 at 09:00 A.M. a review of the DHS Credible Fear Determination was held in the matter noted above. Testimony [] was [] was not taken regarding the background of the Applicant and the Applicant's fear of returning to his/her country of origin or last habitual residence.

After consideration of the evidence, the Court finds that the Applicant [] has [] has not established a significant possibility that he/she would be persecuted on the basis of his/her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or because of his/her political opinion, *or that he would be tortured.*

ORDER: It is hereby ordered that the decision of the immigration officer is:

Affirmed, and the case is returned to the DHS for removal of the alien.

Vacated.

This is a final order. There is no appeal available.

DONE and ORDERED this 6th day of December, 2013.

*Howard E. Achtsam*

HOWARD E. ACHTSAM  
Immigration Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS DOCUMENT WAS SERVED BY: MAIL (M) PERSONAL SERVICE (P)  
TO: [] ALIEN [] ALIEN c/o Custodial Officer [] ALIEN's ATT/REP [] DHS  
DATE: 12/6/13 BY: COURT STAFF J. Martinez  
Attachments: [] EOIR-33 [] EOIR-28 [] Legal Services List [] Other

IMMIGRATION COURT  
27991 BUENA VISTA BLVD  
LOS FRESNOS, TX 78566

SMEDEMA, HANS  
C/O PISD 27991 BUENA VISTA BLVD.  
LOS FRESNOS, TX 78566

FILE: A087-402-454

RE: SMEDEMA, HANS

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF CREDIBLE FEAR DETERMINATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT YOUR REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE DHS CREDIBLE FEAR DETERMINATION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED/RESCHEDULED BEFORE THE IMMIGRATION COURT ON Dec 6, 2013 AT 09:00 A.M. AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

27991 BUENA VISTA BLVD  
LOS FRESNOS, TX 78566

YOU MAY CONSULT WITH A PERSON OR PERSONS OF YOUR CHOOSING PRIOR TO THE REVIEW. SUCH CONSULTATION IS AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND MAY NOT UNREASONABLY DELAY THE PROCESS.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY,, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY CHANGE--IN YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE IMMIGRATION COURT ON THE ATTACHED FORM EOIR-33. IF YOU FAIL TO PROVIDE AN ADDRESS, YOUR SCHEDULED REVIEW MAY BE HELD IN YOUR ABSENCE.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF YOUR CASE, CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-898-7180 OR 240-314-1500.

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THIS DOCUMENT WAS SERVED BY: MAIL (M) PERSONAL SERVICE (P)  
TO:  ALIEN  ALIEN c/o Custodial Officer  ALIEN'S ATT/REP  DHS  
DATE: 12-3-13 BY: COURT STAFF Miyane  
Attachments:  EOIR-33  EOIR-28  Legal Services List  Other

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Notice of Referral to Immigration Judge

	Date NOV 26 2013
	A-File 087 402 454
Name SMEDEMA, Hans	Country of Citizenship NETHERLANDS
Place and Manner of Arrival At Hidalgo, TX POE	Date of Arrival 11/05/13

To immigration judge:

- 1. The above-named alien has been found inadmissible to the United States and ordered removed pursuant to section 235(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act). A copy of the removal order is attached. The alien has requested asylum and/or protection under the Convention against Torture and the matter has been reviewed by an asylum officer who has concluded the alien does not have a credible fear of persecution or torture. The alien has requested a review of that determination in accordance with section 235(b)(1)(B)(iii)(III) of the Act and 8 CFR § 208.30(g).
- 2. The above-named alien arrived in the United States as a stowaway and has been ordered removed pursuant to section 235(a)(2) of the Act. The alien has requested asylum and/or withholding of removal under the Convention against Torture and the matter has been reviewed by an asylum officer who has concluded the alien does not have a credible fear of persecution or torture. The alien has requested a review of that determination in accordance with section 235(b)(1)(B)(iii)(III) of the Act.
- 3. The above-named alien arrived in the United States in the manner described below and has requested asylum and/or withholding of removal under the Convention against Torture. The matter is referred for a determination in accordance with 8 CFR 208.2(c). Arrival category (check one):
  - Crewmember/applicant
  - Crewmember/refused
  - Crewmember/landed
  - Crewmember/violator
  - VWP/applicant
  - VWP/violator
  - 235(c) order
  - S-visa nonimmigrant
  - Stowaway: credible fear determination attached
- 4. The above-named alien has been ordered removed by an immigration officer pursuant to section 235(b)(1) of the Act. A copy of the removal order is attached. In accordance with section 235(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the matter is referred for review of that order. The above-named alien claims to be (check one):
  - a United States citizen
  - a lawful permanent resident alien
  - an alien granted refugee status under section 207 of the Act
  - an alien granted asylum under section 208 of the Act.
- 5. The above-named alien has been ordered removed pursuant to section 238(b) of the Act, or the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has reinstated a prior exclusion, deportation, or removal order of the above-named alien pursuant to section 241(a)(5) of the Act. A copy of the removal order and, if applicable, the notice of reinstatement, are attached. The alien has expressed fear of persecution or torture and the claim has been reviewed by an asylum officer who has concluded the alien **does not** have a reasonable fear of persecution or torture. The alien has requested a review of that determination in accordance with 8 CFR §§ 208.31(f) and (g).
- 6. The above-named alien has been ordered removed pursuant to section 238(b) of the Act, or the INS has reinstated a prior exclusion, deportation, or removal order of the above-named alien pursuant to section 241(a)(5) of the Act. A copy of the removal order and, if applicable, the notice of reinstatement, are attached. The alien has expressed fear of persecution or torture and the claim has been reviewed by an asylum officer who has concluded the alien **has** a reasonable fear of persecution or torture. The matter is referred for a determination in accordance with 8 CFR § 208.31(e).
- 7. The Commissioner of the INS has determined that the release from custody of the above-named alien who is under a final order of removal would pose a special danger to the public according to the standards set in 8 CFR § 241.14(f)(1). The INS has therefore invoked procedures to continue the alien's detention even though there is no significant likelihood that the alien will be removed from the United States in the reasonably foreseeable future. The matter is referred to the immigration judge for a review of this determination in accordance with 8 CFR § 241.14 (g).

IMMIGRATION OFFICE  
2013 DEC -2 PM 3:55  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF  
IMMIGRATION AND  
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

You are ordered to report for a hearing before an immigration judge for the reasons stated above. Your hearing is scheduled on

To Be Determined at To Be Determined  
(Date) (Time)

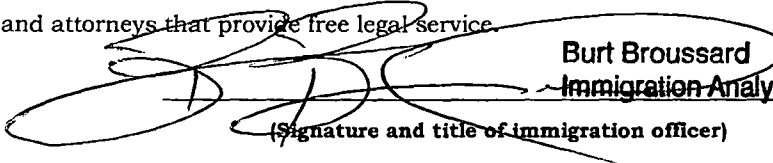
You are to appear at: PISPC EOIR, 27991 Buena Vista Blvd., Los Fresnos, TX 78566

(complete office address)

■ You may be represented in this proceeding, at no expense to the government, by an attorney or other individual authorized and qualified to represent persons before an Immigration Court. If you wish to be so represented, your attorney or representative should appear with you at this hearing. In the event of your release from custody, you must immediately report any change of your address to the Immigration Court on Form EOIR-33, which is provided with this notice. If you fail to appear for a scheduled hearing, a decision may be rendered in your absence.

■ You may consult with a person or persons of your own choosing prior to your appearance in Immigration Court. Such consultation is at no expense to the government and may not unreasonably delay the process.

Attached is a list of recognized organizations and attorneys that provide free legal service.

  
Burt Broussard  
Immigration Analyst - ZHN  
(Signature and title of immigration officer)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

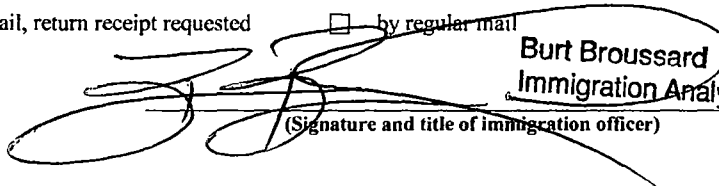
The contents of this notice were read and explained to the applicant in the English language.

The original of this notice was delivered to the above-named applicant by the undersigned on 11-26-13 and the alien has been advised of communication privileges pursuant to 8 CFR 236.1(e). Delivery was made:

in person

by certified mail, return receipt requested

by regular mail

  
Burt Broussard  
Immigration Analyst - ZHN  
(Signature and title of immigration officer)

Attachments to copy presented to immigration judge:

Passport

Form I-860

Visa

Form I-869

Form I-94

Form I-898

Forensic document analysis

Asylum officer's reasonable fear determination worksheet (I-899)

Fingerprints and photographs

Asylum officer's credible fear determination worksheet (I-870)

EOIR-33

FOR 8 CFR 241.14(f) CASES ONLY: Written statement including summary of the basis for the Commissioner's determination to continue the alien in detention, and description of the evidence relied on in finding the alien specially dangerous (with supporting documents attached).

EOR 8 CFR 241.14(f) CASES ONLY: Written notice advising the alien of initiation of proceedings and informing alien of procedures governing the Reasonable Cause Hearing at 8 CFR 241.14(h).

Other (specify): Asylum Officer's notes

HLG	ZHN	087 402 454	SMEDEMA
District Office Code	Asylum Office Code	Alien's File Number	Alien's Last/ Family Name
Urka	Michelle	NETHERLANDS	
Asylum Officer's Last Name	Asylum Officer's First Name	Alien's Nationality	

*All statements in italics must be read to the applicant*

**SECTION I:**

**INTERVIEW PREPARATION**

- 1.1 11/05/13  
Date of arrival [MM/DD/YY]
- 1.2 Hidalgo, TX POE  
Port of arrival
- 1.3 11/05/13  
Date of detention [MM/DD/YY]
- 1.4 Port Isabel SPC  
Place of detention
- 1.5 11/05/13  
Date of AO orientation [MM/DD/YY]
- 1.6 N/A  
If orientation more than one week from date of detention, explain delay
- 1.7 11/21/13  
Date of interview [MM/DD/YY]
- 1.8 Los Fresnos, TX  
Interview site
- 1.9  Applicant received and signed **Form M-444** and relevant *pro bono* list on 11/05/13  
Date signed [MM/DD/YY]
- 1.10 Does applicant have consultant(s)?  Yes  No
- 1.11 If yes, consultant(s) name, address, telephone number and relationship to applicant

1.12 Persons present at the interview (check which apply)

- 1.13  Consultant(s)
- 1.14  Other(s), list:
- 1.15  No one other than applicant and asylum officer

- 1.16 Language used by applicant in interview: English
- 1.17  Yes  No
- 1.18 Interpreter Service, Interpreter ID Number. Interpreter Has Forms Time Started Time Ended
- 1.18  Yes  No
- 1.18 Interpreter Service, Interpreter ID Number. Interpreter Has Forms Time Started Time Ended
- 1.19  Yes  No
- 1.19 Interpreter Service, Interpreter ID Number. Interpreter Has Forms Time Started Time Ended

- 1.20  Interpreter was **not changed** during the interview
- 1.21  Interpreter was **changed** during the interview for the following reason(s):
  - 1.22  Applicant requested a female interpreter replace a male interpreter, or *vice versa*
  - 1.23  Applicant found interpreter was not competent
  - 1.24  Applicant found interpreter was not neutral
  - 1.25  Officer found interpreter was not competent
  - 1.26  Officer found interpreter was not neutral
  - 1.27  Bad telephone connection

1.28  Asylum officer read the following paragraph to the applicant at the beginning of the interview:

*The purpose of this interview is to determine whether you may be eligible for asylum or protection from removal to a country where you fear persecution or torture. I am going to ask you questions about why you fear returning to your country or any other country you may be removed to. It is very important that you tell the truth during the interview and that you respond to all of my questions. This may be your only opportunity to give such information. Please feel comfortable telling me why you fear harm. U.S. law has strict rules to prevent the disclosure of what you tell me today about the reasons why you fear harm. The information you tell me about the reasons for your fear will not be disclosed to your government, except in exceptional circumstances. The statements you make today may be used in deciding your claim and in any future immigration proceedings. It is important that we understand each other. If at any time I make a statement you do not understand, please stop me and tell me you do not understand so that I can explain it to you. If at any time you tell me something I do not understand, I will ask you to explain.*



**SECTION II: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

2.1 SMEDEMA

Last Name/ Family Name [ALL CAPS]

2.2 Hans

First Name

2.3 N/A

Middle Name

2.4 03/27/48

Date of birth [MM/DD/YY]

2.5 Gender  Male  Female

2.6 N/A

Other names and dates of birth used

2.7 NETHERLANDS

Country of birth

2.8 NETHERLANDS

Country (countries) of citizenship (list all)

2.9 Drachden, Netherlands

Address prior to coming to the U.S. (List Address, City/Town, Province, State, Department and Country).

2.10 White

2.11 None

2.12 Dutch, English, German

Applicant's race or ethnicity

Applicant's religion

All languages spoken by applicant

2.13 Marital status:  Single  Married  Legally separated  Divorced  Widowed

2.14 Did spouse arrive with applicant?  Yes  No

2.15 Is spouse included in applicant's claim?  Yes  No

2.16 If currently married (including common law marriage) list spouse's name, citizenship, and present location (if with applicant, provide A-Number):

Wietska Jamsma. She is a citizen of the Netherlands and she is in the Netherlands now.

2.17 Children:  Yes  No

2.18 List any children (Use the continuation section to list any additional children):

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY)	Name	Citizenship	Present location (if w/PA, list A-Numbers)	Did child arrive with PA?		Is child included in PA's claim?	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

2.19 Does applicant claim to have a medical condition (physical or mental), or has the officer observed any indication(s) that a medical condition exists? If YES, answer questions 2.20 and 2.21 and explain below.  Yes  No

See attached memorandum.

2.20 Has applicant notified the facility of medical condition?  Yes  No

2.21 Does applicant claim that the medical condition relates to torture?  Yes  No

2.22 Does the applicant have a relative, sponsor or other community ties, including spouse or child already listed above?  Yes  No

2.23 If YES, provide information on relative or sponsor (use continuation section, if necessary):

Name

Relationship

Address

Telephone Number

Citizen  Legal Permanent Resident  Other

**SECTION III:**

**CREDIBLE FEAR INTERVIEW**

The following notes are not a verbatim transcript of this interview.

These notes are recorded to assist the individual officer in making a credible fear determination and the supervisory asylum officer in reviewing the determination.

There may be areas of the individual's claim that were not explored or documented for purposes of this threshold screening.

The asylum officer must elicit sufficient information related to both credible fear of persecution and credible fear of torture to determine whether the applicant meets the threshold screening. Even if the asylum officer determines in the course of the interview that the applicant has a credible fear of persecution, the asylum officer must still elicit any additional information relevant to a fear of torture. Asylum officers are to ask the following questions and may use the continuation sheet if additional space is required. If the applicant replies YES to any question, the asylum officer must ask follow-up questions to elicit sufficient details about the claim in order to make a credible fear determination.

3.1 a. Have you or any member of your family ever been mistreated or threatened by anyone in any country to which you may be returned?  Yes  No

See attached notes and checklist.

b. Do you have any reason to fear harm from anyone in any country to which you may be returned?

Yes  No

See attached notes and checklist.

c. If YES to questions a and/or b, was it or is it because of any of the following reasons? (Check each of the following boxes that apply).

Race  Religion  Nationality  Membership in a particular social group  Political Opinion  
None

3.2  At the conclusion of the interview, the asylum officer must read the following to applicant:  
 If the Department of Homeland Security determines you have a credible fear of persecution or torture, your case will be referred to an immigration court, where you will be allowed to seek asylum or withholding of removal based on fear of persecution or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture. The Field Office Director in charge of this detention facility will also consider whether you may be released from detention while you are preparing for your hearing. *If the asylum officer determines that you do not have a credible fear of persecution or torture, you may ask an Immigration Judge to review the decision. If you are found not to have a credible fear of persecution or torture and you do not request review, you may be removed from the United States as soon as travel arrangements can be made. Do you have any questions?*

3.3  At the conclusion of the interview, the asylum officer must read a summary of the claim, consisting of the responses to Questions 3.1 a-c and information recorded in the Additional Information/Continuation section, to applicant.

\*\*\*\*Typed Question and Answer (Q&A) interview notes and a summary and analysis of the claim must be attached to this form for all negative credible fear decisions. These Q&A notes must reflect that the applicant was asked to explain any inconsistencies or lack of detail on material issues and that the applicant was given every opportunity to establish a credible fear.

**SECTION IV: CREDIBLE FEAR FINDINGS**

**A. Credible Fear Determination:**

Credibility

- 4.1  There is a significant possibility that the assertions underlying the applicant's claim could be found credible in a full asylum or withholding of removal hearing.
- 4.2  Applicant found **not** credible because (check boxes 4.3-4.5, which apply):
  - 4.3  Testimony was internally inconsistent on material issues.
  - 4.4  Testimony lacked sufficient detail on material issues.
  - 4.5  Testimony was not consistent with country conditions on material issues.

Nexus

- 4.6  Race    4.7  Religion    4.8  Nationality    4.9  Membership in a Particular Social Group  
 (Define the social group): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.10  Political Opinion    4.11  Coercive Family Planning [CFP]    4.12  No Nexus

Credible Fear Finding

- 4.13  Credible fear of **persecution** established.
- OR**
- 4.14  Credible fear of **torture** established.
- OR**
- 4.15  Credible fear of persecution **NOT** established and there is not a significant possibility that the applicant could establish eligibility for withholding of removal or deferral of removal under the Convention against Torture.

**B. Possible Bars:**

- 4.16  Applicant could be subject to a bar(s) to asylum or withholding of removal (check the box(es) that applies and explain on the continuation sheet):
  - 4.17  Particularly Serious Crime    4.18  Security Risk    4.19  Aggravated Felon
  - 4.20  Persecutor    4.21  Terrorist    4.22  Firmly Resettled
  - 4.23  Serious Non-Political Crime Outside the United States
- 4.24  Applicant does **not** appear to be subject to a bar(s) to asylum or withholding of removal.

**C. Identity:**

- 4.25  Applicant's identity was determined with a reasonable degree of certainty (check the box(es) that applies):
- 4.26  Applicant's own credible statements. (If testimony is credible overall, this will suffice to establish the applicant's identity with a reasonable degree of certainty).
- 4.27  Passport which appears to be authentic.
- 4.28  Other evidence presented by applicant or in applicant's file (List): \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.29  Applicant's identity was **not** determined with a reasonable degree of certainty. (Explain on the continuation sheet.)

**SECTION V: ASYLUM OFFICER / SUPERVISOR NAMES AND SIGNATURES**

5.1	<u>Michelle Urka, ZCH095</u> Asylum officer name and ID CODE (print)	5.2	<u>Michelle M. Urka</u> Asylum officer's signature	5.3	<u>11 / 21 / 13</u> Decision date
5.4	<u>DARICE IRONS</u> <del>SUPERVISORY ASYLUM OFFICER</del> Supervisory asylum officer name	5.5	<u>[Signature]</u> Supervisor's signature	5.6	<u>11 / 22 / 13</u> Date supervisor approved decision

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/CONTINUATION**

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[Applicant and interpreter placed under oath]

Start Time: 8:04

Q: You received a form that explained the credible fear process on 11/05/13. Did you understand the M-444?

A: Yes.

Q: What is your native language?

A: Dutch

Q: What other languages do you speak?

A: English and German

Q: Are you comfortable to complete this interview in English?

A: Yes

Q: Do you have an attorney or Consultant?

A: At the moment not, but I have a lawyer from the old case. This is my second time asking for asylum.

Q: Are you comfortable to continue the interview without an attorney on the phone?

A: Yes

Q: Are you willing to answer my questions at this time?

A: Yes

Q: Do you have any physical or mental problems today?

A: No

Q: What is your full and complete name?

A: Hans Smedema

Q: Have you used any other names/versions of your name before?

A: Never

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: March 27, 1948

Q: Have you used any other dates of birth before?

A: Never

Q: Where were you born?

A: Netherlands, in Leeuwarden

Q: What country are you a citizen of?

A: Netherlands

Q: Are you citizen of any other countries?

A: I am a resident of Spain. I left Spain on June 13, but I am still in the files over there and I pay taxes over there.

Q: Where were you deported after your last asylum case?

A: To the Netherlands.

Q: What is your race or ethnicity?

A: White

Q: Where did you last live in your country?

A: Just now I came from the Netherlands. I went from Spain on June 13 and went to the Netherlands. I went with my wife in a town called Drachden. I was put in jail and after that I fled Holland.

Q: Have you lived in any other country before?

A: Only in Spain. From June 1, 2008 to June 13, 2013.

Q: What kind of work did you do?

A: At the moment, I am a pensioner. I did not work since January 2004. I get disability allowance but it stopped now in March because I got retired.

Q: Why were you paid disability?

A: PTSD. It was from this whole case.

Q: When were you diagnosed with PTSD?

A: Never by a psychiatrist.

Q: How were you paid disability if you were never diagnosed with PTSD?

A: I just told them what was happening and they paid me 60,000 euro per year. It was very easy.

Q: Who paid the disability?

A: A private company. I had an insurance policy. And there was a small 5,000 disability from the Dutch government each year as well for the PTSD. Both started in January 2004 and ended in March 2013.

Q: Why did the payments stop?

A: Because I retired in April of this year, so the pension changes.

Q: What work were you doing until April of this year?

A: Nothing. I stopped working in January 2004. But I did not retire until March of this year, so that is when the disability stopped.

Q: Are you now or have you ever been married? Spouse's name? Where is she?

A: Yes, My wife is Wietska Jamsma. She is a citizen of the Netherlands and she is there in Drachten today.

Q: Do you have children under 21?

A: No children under 21.

Q: Did you belong to any groups or organizations?

A: Yes, many commercial groups, like the Center of Dutch Directors and the Rotary Club. I was a donating member of the Liberty Party for many years. Nothing relevant to the asylum claim.

Q: Did you ever perform any military service?

A: No

Q: Was anyone in your family in the military?

A: Yes, three brothers.

Q: Were you ever involved with any political parties?

A: For many years I donated to and voted for the Liberty Party.

Q: Do you belong to any ethnic/indigenous/minority groups?

A: No

Q: Do you have a religion?

A: No

Q: Have you been to the US before?

A: Several times. The main thing was 2009 asking for political asylum. It started April 23, 2009 when I arrived and ended November 4, 2009 when I was deported to the Netherlands.

Q: Do you have any relatives in the US?

A: No, not close family. There should be about 100 Smedemas here. I have some in Facebook. Annabelle, Neal, Cindy Smedema.

Q: Who would you stay with if you were released?

A: I would like to live in Florida because it is an international state. There are people there from many countries. I have a lawyer over there, Chandler Findlay. But as long as he is my lawyer, he cannot sponsor me. It would mix things up he said. I think someone could be found who could sponsor me.

Q: Is there anyone whose name and contact information you would like me to write down as a potential sponsor?

A: At the moment, no.

#### CLAIM

Q: What is the reason you left the Netherlands?

A: Because they put me in jail and it was unlawful. It was confirmed by three judges in a plural court.

Q: Before you were put in jail, were you convicted of a crime?

A: I was convicted by appeal court for putting names on the internet. It was libel. But I was innocent because I defending the rights of myself and my wife. The trial was not fair.

Q: Did you have an attorney representing you?

A: Yes, a famous lawyer. But there was no defense allowed, no witnesses or DNA. That is why I fled to Spain.

Q: What date were you convicted of Libel?

A: 12/03/2012

Q: What was the sentence for that?

A: I had to remove all names from my blog and my books. And three months of jail conditional if I didn't take the names off. And there was a fine of 5,300 euros.

Q: Was this a civil trial where the man sued you and the jail term was a penalty for not complying with the sentence?

A: Yes, exactly.

Q: Did you remove the names as you were told?

A: I took it out of the books. They are only available digital, so it is easy. And I took it from the blog. But then when I was in asylum court in 2009, I was told that under international law I have a right to name names. I asked myself during that court case, "What can I do? Can I name names?" And he said yes, if my story was right.

Q: Can you clarify that time line? I thought that you were told to remove the names in December 2012.

A: Well, I had taken them down, but then after the 2009 trial I put them back up. I complied with the sentence, but not completely.

Q: Were you ever harmed in the Netherlands?

A: Yes, I was made infertile by the rapist who raped my wife in 1972. That was not the government.

Q: What is the name of the man who did this?

A: Jan Fam Beek.

Q: How did he make you infertile?

A: He drugged me and put some glue in both finnales. It has made me infertile without knowing. I found out about this in March 2000. It happened in 1972.

Q: How did you find out about this in March 2000?

A: I got flashbacks of suppressed memories. I had amnesia.

Q: Did you see a doctor after the flashbacks started?

A: Yes, I saw 14-15 psychologists. Most of them thought that I was delusional, because everybody in my family and the Dutch government denies what happened to me at that time.

Q: Why did the psychologists think that you were delusional?

A: My wife has amnesia and suppression as well. And the DNA tests show that the children are mine, but they are falsified.

Q: Who told you that the children are not yours?

A: Jan Fam Beek confessed that the children are not mine because he made me infertile. But my wife has disassociation and suppression, so it is difficult.

Q: Do you think that the government was involved in the cover up of this rape and forced infertility?

A: Oh, yes. I wrote it in my book. There are at least fifty police and other government members who deny that this happened. It is a conspiracy and a cover-up. That is why I got disability. I had to quit my job as a top headhunter. Because of all of the lying and covering up and calling me delusional, I had to stop my job. I lost over 100,000 euro a year in income. If I win the case, the Dutch government will probably have to pay me 5-10 million euro.

Q: Do you have a court case pending about this now?

A: No, but if I win this asylum case, I can get a lawyer and the Dutch government can be made to pay. That 5-10 million euro is an educated guess. There are indications that the Dutch queen in 1975 must have signed a special ruling that makes my case a secret. She is not behind it, but now the Dutch have to protect the queen, even if she is wrong.

Q: Do you think that the Dutch government is actively involved in covering up what was done to you or do they simply not believe you?

A: No, they are actively involved. They changed laws for this case. In America you have the Freedom of Information Act. In the Netherlands, we have something the same. I asked about this case, but I found out that in October 31, 1991 the Dutch made a special law to take out the FOIA in cases which the crown was involved. If the queen is involved, as she is in this case, no one can get information about what the queen did. In January of that year, a friend of mine started an investigation of the rapes of my wife and he was called to The Hague and told to stop investigating and they hurried and made that law.



Q: This law was made in 1991, but you did not start having flashbacks until 2000. Why do you think that the limitation of the FOIA law is related to your case?

A: I cannot be sure, but it is making it impossible to research my case. And my wife has stayed defenseless because she has a double personality. She does not know.

Q: Since you were deported in 2009, did you face further harm?

A: Yes. I got the appeal case from that slander. I tried again to file charges against everyone involved, but that is still not allowed. It is human rights violation.

Q: What were you trying to file?

A: I am not allowed to file charges, so in the appeal case I tried to do the same and accuse people. We brought the case of fifty witnesses down to twelve, but none of the witnesses were allowed. That means the judges must be working with the cover-up.

Q: Why do you think that the Dutch government has taken such an interest in covering up your case?

A: I think that the queen must have made a special ruling not to take up the case. And now if it were to come out that the queen made the special ruling, she would look bad. I am the victim of her signature.

Q: Why do you think that the queen took an interest in covering up your case?

A: I think that my family and my wife's family asked the queen to make a special ruling. We both had amnesia. I had it for 28 years and my wife still has it. In the appeal case in 2011 and 2012 we were not allowed to hear any witnesses or a DNA test. Three judges refused. Six, even because there were three judges and they were changed for three others. All six refused any defense. If you cannot defend yourself, anyone would be defenseless. The sentence of 2012 proves that the judges and the Dutch government are working together. So I had to leave Holland. Especially because they put me in jail for a month for trying to get to America.

Q: When were you put in jail for trying to get to America?

A: I was deported in 2009 because there was not enough proof. I asked what I could do if I got enough proof. They said that I could come to American soil and ask for asylum again. So I went to Vancouver and said I was going to America. But they refused me entry. When they were taking me to the plane to leave, one of the border control agents told me that the Dutch government was behind it. So I was sent back. I had a return ticket to Seville, but the next flight they could get me on was Paris. So they sent me to Paris and from there I went to the Netherlands. Then I booked a flight to Mexico City to get to the American border. A few hours before my flight to Mexico, three police came to my door and I spent a month in jail.

Q: What was the reason that they took you to jail?

A: For not conforming to the sentence from December 2012. I kept some names on my blog because I have to defend myself. That was confirmed by Judge Rex Ford of Miami, that I have every right to name names to defend myself. But afterwards, the judges told me that you can never put someone in jail for libel. So the prosecutor and the judges set me free immediately. The whole case was just so I could not get to Mexico that time. That is proof that the Dutch government is behind this case.

Q: Did you ever have problems because of your religion?

A: No

Q: Did you ever have any problems because of your nationality?

A: No

Q: Because of your race?

A: No

Q: Because of your political opinion?

A: No

Q: Because you are part of any group?

A: No

Q: For any other reason?

A: No

Q: Do you believe you would have problems in the future because of your religion/nationality/political opinion/or because you are part of any group?

A: No

Q: Would you be safe if you lived in Spain?

A: I don't know because Spain is also royalty. It could be that it would not solve the case. My wife is still defenseless in the Netherlands. Being in Spain will not help me. I need to protect my wife. But she does not believe me. She is made to believe that I am delusional. The last years have been very difficult. I call it mental torture.

Q: When you were living in Spain, did your wife live with you?

A: No. She thought I was delusional. She wanted to stay in the Netherlands with the children. When we are together we fight, because she wants me treated for being delusional and I want her treated. I also refuse to pay the 5,300 euro to the rapist. That also means that I would face three months in jail in the Netherlands for not paying the fine. And still I am not allowed any defense in the Netherlands. And the newspapers refuse to publish about this. The editors are not allowed to publish because the queen is involved. So, your question about Spain, I don't know. I could finish my book. I could live easily with friends, but my wife and I would be separated. She still thinks I am delusional. She still does not know what happened because of her disassociation.

Q: Anything else you haven't mentioned you think would be important for me to know?

A: It is very important that I spent a month in jail. It should never have happened for libel. I went to jail Sept 17, 2013 and I was released Oct 16, 2013.

Q: What do you think will happen if you return to the Netherlands?

A: They started a new case in the court to sentence me. They are trying to get me into jail for libel. Also, the justice department is trying to get the 5,300 euro that I have refused to pay. I would be forced to live in the Netherlands because my wife refuses to leave. And if I went to Spain, the Netherlands could make a European arrest warrant to put me in jail for six months for refusing to pay and not taking the names down. And they could do more because on my blog I accuse the Dutch queen.

#### BAR Questions

Q: Have you ever asked for asylum/residence in any other countries?

A: Here in the United States. I hope that Judge Rex Ford can reopen the case. That would be easier than doing the whole case over. I would ask that if that is possible, that my case would be transferred to Miami. Now that I have more proof, the case would be easier for Judge Rex Ford to hear it.

Q: Were you ever in the military or police force?

A: No

Q: Have you ever committed a crime anywhere in the world?

A: No

Q: Have you ever been arrested?

A: The only time was in September and it was unlawful.

Q: Have you ever hurt anyone for any reason?

A: No

Q: Are you a member of any group that advocates violence or terrorism?

A: No

Q: Have you ever provided assistance to a group that advocates violence or terrorism?

A: No

Q: Are you currently receiving any disability payments at this time?

A: No. I receive my pension from the government and my work. It should be more but I spent much of our pension money living in two places. I was forced to live in two houses.

*Asylum Officer summarized applicant's claim: You are afraid to return to the Netherlands because you believe that you could be jailed for up to six months for your refusal to pay a fine of 5,300 euro and your refusal to remove names from your blog. In the past, a man drugged you and your wife and left you infertile. Your wife was also raped many times. You believe that there is an extensive conspiracy to cover up these crimes and the conspiracy reaches to the Dutch queen and throughout the Dutch government. You are a permanent resident of Spain, but you do not believe that you could live safely in Spain, as you would still be vulnerable to a European arrest warrant to remove you to the Netherlands for your outstanding legal charges.*

Q: Is this summary complete and accurate?

A: Yes, you are doing a great job.

Q: Anything to add to summary?

A: No. With the other stuff that we talked about, it should be more than enough for a case.

*READ: (3.2) If the Asylum Office determines you have a credible fear of persecution or torture, your case will be referred to an immigration court. In the court you will be allowed to seek asylum or withholding of removal based on fear of persecution: or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture. The ICE Director in charge of this detention facility will also consider whether you may be released from detention while you are preparing for your hearing. If the asylum officer determines that you do not have a credible fear of persecution or torture, you may ask an Immigration Judge to review the decision. If you are found not to have a credible fear of persecution or torture and you do not request review, you may be removed from the United States as soon as travel arrangements can be made. Do you have any questions?*

A: No.

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Call Ended: 9:35

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**CREDIBLE FEAR DETERMINATION CHECKLIST**

**FILE # A 087 402 454 OFFICER: ZCH095 DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 2013**

- *The factual summary (required by 8 CFR § 208.30) must be included at the end of the Q/A notes for each interview.*
- *Torture: If there is a significant possibility of torture, complete Part A and Part C.*
- *Credibility: If there is no significant possibility assertions could be found credible, complete Part A and Part D.*

**A. Harm**

1. Has the applicant testified to past harm or mistreatment in his or her country?

*If yes, identify Persecutor / Torturer / Other Individual:* A private citizen named Jan Fam Beek and the entire Dutch government

Past Harm: forced sterilization by Jan Fam Beek; intentional conspiracy to cover up this sterilization by the Dutch government

Yes  No

2. Has the applicant testified that he or she fears future harm if returned to his or her country?

*If yes, identify Persecutor / Torturer / Other Individual:* Dutch government

Feared Future Harm: incarceration

Yes  No

3. If no to A.1 and A.2, STOP HERE and complete Form I-870. If yes, continue.

**B. Persecution**

1. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that the claimed past or future harm is on account of one of the five protected grounds?

Race  Religion  Nationality  Political Opinion  Membership in a Particular Social Group

*If yes, check applicable ground(s) above and specify:*

*If no, specify motive of alleged persecutor, explain why a protected ground does not apply, and move to Part C:*

Applicant does not claim any nexus to a protected ground and the record does not reflect that a nexus exists. Regarding past harm, applicant was unable to give a reason why Jan Fam Beek chose to drug applicant and make him infertile. Applicant speculated that the Dutch government conspired to cover up the crimes of Jan Fam Beek because applicant's family requested that the Dutch Queen make a special ruling to prevent exposure of the crime, and the rest of the government must obey and protect the queen.

Yes  No

Regarding future harm, applicant stated that he may be jailed for 3-6 months for his failure to comply with an earlier libel suit against him by Jan Fam Beek. The suit requires applicant to remove Jan Fam Beek's name from applicant's blog and e-books, as well as to pay a 5,300 euro fine. Applicant refuses to comply with these terms, so he fears being incarcerated. Applicant's feared future harm is as a result of prosecution, not persecution.

Neither the past harm claimed or the future harm feared have a nexus to any protected ground.

2. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that the claimed past or future harm did or would rise to the level of persecution?

*If no, explain, and move to Part C:*

Yes  No

<p>3. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that the entity that harmed or would harm the applicant is either an agent of the government or an entity that the government is unable or unwilling to control?</p> <p><i>If no, explain, and move to Part C:</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that the applicant was persecuted or that his or her fear of future persecution is well-founded?</p> <p><i>If no, explain, and move to Part C:</i></p> <p><i>If yes, STOP HERE and complete Form I-870</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>C. Torture</b></p>	
<p>1. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that s/he was or would be intentionally subject to serious physical or mental harm in a country of intended removal?</p> <p><i>If no, STOP HERE, explain, and complete Form I-870:</i>  Applicant fears that he would be incarcerated for 3-6 months if he is returned to the Netherlands. Applicant could avoid incarceration by complying with the terms of his libel sentence, i.e. paying the 5,300 euro fine and removing Jan Fam Beek's name from his blog and e-books. If applicant is incarcerated for his failure to comply with his sentence, it would be as a result of a legitimate legal procedure, and not persecution. There is no objective evidence that applicant would suffer any other type of harm if he were returned to the Netherlands.</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>2. Is there a significant possibility that the applicant could establish in a full hearing that the person he or she fears is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a public official acting in an official capacity?</li> <li>or</li> <li>• an individual(s) who would act at the instigation of, or with the consent or acquiescence of, a public official or other person acting in an official capacity?</li> </ul> <p><i>If no, STOP HERE, explain, and complete Form I-870:</i></p> <p><i>If yes, STOP HERE and complete Form I-870.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>D. Credibility</b></p>	
<p>1) Explain each credibility issue in detail:  2) Explain materiality of each issue:  3) Provide the applicant's response for each material credibility issue:  4) Assess the reasonableness of applicant's response as to each material credibility issue:</p>	

**Record of Negative Credible Fear Finding  
and Request for Review by Immigration Judge**

Alien File Number  
087 402 454

**1. To be explained to the alien by the asylum officer:**

The INS has determined that you do not have a credible fear of persecution or torture pursuant to 8 CFR 208.30 for the following reason(s):

- A. You have not established a credible fear of return to your country of nationality or country of last residence because:
- You have not indicated that you were harmed in the past and you have not expressed fear of future harm.
  - There is no significant possibility that you could establish in an asylum hearing that the harm you experienced and/or the harm you fear is on account of one or more of the five grounds for asylum (race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or social group).
  - You have not indicated that you were harmed in the past, and there is no significant possibility that you could establish in an asylum hearing that the harm you fear is well founded.

**AND**

- You have not expressed a fear that you would be intentionally subjected to serious physical or mental harm in a country to which you may be removed.
  - There is no significant possibility you could establish that the harm you fear would be inflicted by, or at the instigation of, or with the consent or acquiescence of, a government official or other person acting in an official capacity.
- B. There is no significant possibility that your claim is credible because your testimony was inconsistent or lacked detail on material issues. When you were given an opportunity to explain you were unable to give a reasonable explanation about the following issues:
- Your testimony was internally inconsistent on material issues.
  - Your testimony was not consistent with country conditions on material issues.
  - Your testimony lacked reasonably sufficient detail on material issues.

Therefore, you are ordered removed from the United States. You may request that an Immigration Judge review this decision.

If you request that an Immigration Judge review this decision, you will remain in detention until an Immigration Judge reviews your case. That review could occur as long as 7 days after you receive this decision.

If you do not request that an Immigration Judge review the decision, you may be removed from the United States immediately.

**2. To be completed by the alien:**

- Yes, I request Immigration Judge review of the decision that I do not have a credible fear of persecution or torture.
- No, I do not request Immigration Judge review of the decision that I do not have a credible fear of persecution or torture.

SMEDEMA

Applicant's Last Name/ Family Name (Print)

URKA

Hans

Applicant's First Name (Print)

Michelle

Applicant's Signature

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Asylum Officer's Last Name (Print)

Asylum Officer's First Name, (Print)

Date

The contents of this form were read and explained to the applicant in the

English

language

Interpreter used:

By telephone (list interpreter service /ID number used

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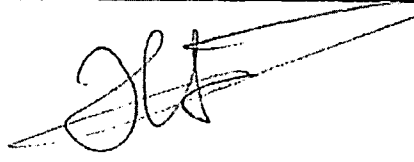
In person (I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that I am fluent in both the \_\_\_\_\_ and English languages. I interpreted the above information completely and accurately to the alien.)

Interpreter's Signature

Date

**Harlingen Immigration Court**

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