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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

CRISANTO CARINO RAGASA,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 12-72262

Agency No. A037-485-221

ORDER

Before: HAWKINS, McKEOWN, and BEA, Circuit Judges.

For the reasons to be set forth in a disposition to follow, we deny petitioner Ragasa's claim for citizenship. However, we grant the petition for review because his Hawai'i state conviction does not constitute a predicate offense for purposes of removability under Section 237(a)(2)(B)(i) of the INA. Therefore, we order the United States to release Ragasa from custody forthwith.

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