IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **EL PASO DIVISION**

Jesus Hernández, individually and as the surviving father of Sergio Adrián Hernández Güereca. and Successor-in-Interest to the Estate of Sergio Adrian Hernández Güereca; María Guadalupe Güereca Bentacour individually and as the surviving mother of Sergio Adrián Hernández Güereca, and as Successor-in-Interest to the Estate of Sergio Adrián Hernández Güereca,

Civil Action No. 6:11-cv-00013

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency: United States Department of

Patrol:

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Justice,

 ϕ THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Unknown Named Agent of the United States of America; United States Department of Homeland Security; United States Bureau of Customs and Protection; United States United States

Defendants.

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EP-2010-00458/PPA November 30, 2010

Via Certified U.S. Mail Return Receipt Requested

Cristobal Galindo, Esq. C/o Cristobal Galindo, PC 4151 Southwest Freeway Suite 602 Houston, TX 77027

Re: SF-95 Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death

Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca (Decedent)

Dear Mr. Galindo:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP" or the "Agency") has received a Standard Form-95 CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH ("SF-95") dated June 23, 2010, with attachments, identifying you as the attorney representing Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca (the "Decedent"), Maria Guadalupe Guereca Betancour and Jesus Hernandez, in which your clients claim damages in the total amount of \$25,000,000.00.

The Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2671, et seq., grants to the head of each Federal Government agency the authority to consider and settle administratively claims for personal injury and property damage caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission of an employee of the Federal Government while acting within the scope of his employment. As the Agency authority, I have fully considered the facts and circumstances as presented in support of your claim.

On July 6, 2010 and August 12, 2010, the Agency formally requested information from the Claimants in accordance with, *inter alia*, 28 C.F.R. Part 14. Since you failed to provide any documentation substantiating your client's claims, such claims are hereby denied. Further, your client's claims are denied because any damage incurred is not attributable to a negligent or wrongful act or omission of a U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol employee while the employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

Under governing regulations, we are required to advise you that if you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may file suit in an appropriate United States District Court not later than six (6) months after the date of this notification.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Lewandowski

Chief of Staff

Office of U.S. Border Patrol