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Memo of Age Determination
February 15, 2017

TO: ICE – ERO – Phoenix, AZ
 Phoenix Juvenile Coordinators
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Through: SWK Casa Phoenix

FROM: Myriam Hillin
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 Division of Children's Services

SUBJECT: Age Re-Determination of an Adult

RE: (b)(6)
 AKA (b)(6) A# (b)(6)

Mr. (b)(6) was transferred to and placed in HHS-ORR care with SWK Casa Phoenix on November 30, 2016 as a juvenile as a result of Mr. (b)(6), knowingly misreporting his date of birth as (b)(6) 1999 and his identity upon apprehension by immigration officials.

Following placement in ORR care Mr. (b)(6) was immediately interviewed by his assigned Case Manager upon being transferred to his current Facility, Case Manager (b)(6) to whom it became immediately apparent that Mr. (b)(6) appears to be overage. Case Manager immediately looked for a copy of the birth certificate of Mr. (b)(6) in Portal as a result of being transfer from Fort Bliss Dona Ana. Immediately the document was sent for verification to the Phoenix Guatemalan Consulate.

On February 14, 2017 Mr. (b)(6) was interviewed by the Guatemalan consulate, where he confessed that he was indeed (b)(6) and that his date of birth was (b)(6) 1996. On February 17, 2017 the Guatemalan Consular e-mailed ORR the results of the results from the identity the minor had disclosed and verified that he was indeed (b)(6)

Case Manager then proceeded to contact and interview Ms. (b)(6) s mother, (b)(6) on February 17, 2017 who admitted to the Case Manager that the correct date of birth of her son is (b)(6) 1996. She stated that she they have heard in town the minor would go quickly and safer if he went to the United States take the identity of a minor. Then a minor from their village let them use his birth certificate free of charge so Mr. (b)(6) can impersonate him and come to the United States as a minor.

The Division of Children's Services' Federal Field Specialist (DCS FFS) received and reviewed the information gathered by the Guatemalan Consulate and Case Manager for Mr. (b)(6) provided incorrect identity and date of birth with the purpose of misleading authorities to believe he was a minor and therefore FFS agrees that there is sufficient strong evidence to support the claim that the individual in question is an adult

Along with this Memo ORR is submitting the following documents:

- Identity Taken BC
- Photograph

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- TB Clearance
- Consular Verification of BC Mr. (b)(6)
- Immunizations

In accordance with ORR policy, FFS Supervisor Ivonne Velasquez reviewed all the new information and documents mentioned above indicating that Mr. (b)(6) is 20 years of age and HHS-ORR requests that FOJC coordinate and ensure the immediate transfer of custody of this individual to an adult DRO facility.

Respectfully,

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