UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANGEL DE JESUS ZEPEDA RIVAS, et al.,	Case No. 20-cv-02731-VC
Plaintiffs,	**ORDER RE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
v.	
DAVID JENNINGS, et al.,	
Defendants.	

Recently the Court deferred consideration bail applications submitted on May 14, 2020 by Asif Masoom Qazi, Dikshat Dikshat, and Ernesto Rodriguez Magana. The reason is that the Court did not receive sufficient assurance that each of these men would be unlikely to commit acts of violence against women if released. For example, Mr. Qazi was apparently arrested for domestic battery, yet it appears that his bail application may be contemplating that he will be released to his alleged victim. Mr. Dikshat was convicted of stalking, but the parties did not provide details regarding that incident. Mr. Rodriguez was convicted of spousal battery and was later convicted of violating a protective order, yet his bail application contemplates that he would live with a female "friend." During this public health crisis, incidents of domestic violence have increased sharply. *See* "Surge In Domestic Violence Cases In San Francisco Since COVID-19 Stay Home Order," CBS News (Apr. 11, 2020), available at

https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/04/11/coronavirus-surge-in-domestic-violence-cases-in-san-francisco-since-covid-19-stay-at-home-order/. Accordingly, for any detainee whose criminal history raises concerns regarding this issue, the Court will deny the bail application absent a

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detailed and forthright disclosure about the issue, and absent information that would give the

Court confidence that it will not happen again. This is true even for detainees who were ordered

released on bond by an Immigration Judge, because this Court cannot be sure that the

Immigration Judge adequately considered the issue. For the three applicants mentioned in this

order, class counsel may make a supplemental filing, to which the defendants may respond

within 2 working days.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 21, 2020

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VINCE CHHABRIA
United States District Judge