

Department of Homeland Security
Citizenship & Immigration Service
Vermont Service Center
Attn: VAWA
75 Lower Weldon Street
St. Albans, VT 05479

January 13, 2009

RE: **Supporting documents**
I-360, G-28

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached the I-360 VAWA self-petition of [redacted] together with the necessary supporting documents. Ms. Sanchez is self-petitioning as the spouse of a United States Citizen born in Puerto Rico, [redacted] who has abused her physically, mentally, and emotionally, and sexually.

Ms. S [redacted] supplemental documentation meets all requirements that VAWA self-petitioners must submit under INA 204(a)(1)(A). Specifically, Ms. S [redacted], can prove (1) battery and cruel treatment occurring during her marriage to a United States Citizen (2) a qualifying, good faith marriage (couple physically residing together in U.S.) (3) good moral character.

1. Evidence of battery and cruel treatment by USC spouse

- Personal notarized affidavit with translation explaining her history with R [redacted] and her eligibility for VAWA relief with translated copy of her birth certificate & copy of her Mexican issued matricula consular

- Identifying information for the Service to establish Mr. [redacted] birth in Puerto Rico as Ms. S [redacted] fled the home without his birth certificate: USC husband was born [redacted] in Orocovis, Puerto Rico, social security # [redacted] L driver's license #H [redacted] Parents' names are [redacted] and [redacted]. See son's birth certificate enclosed with father's name, DOB, & POB as registered
- Police report for battery filed by Mr. [redacted] against husband dated 05/15/2008
- Emergency and Plenary Orders of protection filed by victim
- Evidence of drunk driving related offenses corroborating victim's testimony
- Photos of Ms. S [redacted] showing significant bruising on victim's arm and holes punched in wall by Mr. H [redacted]
- Offense/incident report filed with S [redacted] olice Department
- Two notarized affidavits written by friends of applicant testifying to the nature of couple's relationship and their knowledge of abuse
- Letter written by G [redacted] M [redacted]; DV counselor at Mujeres Latinas in Acción in Chicago, IL verifying victim is receiving services for domestic violence

2) Qualifying bona fide marriage to USC abuser

- Copy of civil marriage license issued in Chicago, IL between abuser and self-petitioner
- Copy of birth certificate of son born to the couple
- Copy of card accompanying flowers sent by Mr. H [redacted] to Ms. S [redacted] during courtship (referenced in personal affidavit)
- Notarized affidavit written by long time friend of Mr. H [redacted] verifying couple's marriage and joint residence
- Corresponding addresses of self petitioner and abusive husband in the United States as shown through bills (ComEd, US Cellular, Park National Bank)

- Copies of letters sent by Mr. H[redacted] to Ms. [redacted] from prison
- Photos of the couple together at family gathering, marriage, and birth of their son

3) Good Moral Character

- Copy of results of FBI Rap Sheet showing Ms. [redacted] is without record
- Police Clearance letter from Chicago police department showing no record

Based on the abundant evidence attached with this I-360, Ms. [redacted] asks that you grant her self-petition. Thank you for your attention to this application; please advise should any further information be helpful in your determination.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
[redacted], BIA Accredited
Catholic Charities
651 W. Lake St.
Chicago, IL 60661

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**I-360, Petition for Amerasian,
Widow(er) or Special Immigrant**

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For USCIS Use Only

Part 1. Information about person or organization filing this

petition. (Individuals should use the top name line; organizations should use the second line.) If you are a self-petitioning spouse or child and do not want USCIS to send notices about this petition to your home, you may show an alternate mailing address here. If you are filing for yourself and do not want to use an alternate mailing address, skip to part 2.

Family Name S		Given Name [REDACTED]	Middle Name
Company or Organization Name Catholic Charities - [REDACTED]			
Address - C/O			
Street Number and Name 851 W. Lake St.		Apt. #	
City Chicago		State or Province/L	
Country		Zip/Postal Code 60661	
U.S. Social Security #	A #	IRS Tax # (if any)	

Returned	Receipt
Resubmitted	
Reloc Sent	
Reloc Rec'd	
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner/Applicant Interviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary Interviewed	

Part 2. Classification Requested (check one):

- a. Amerasian
- b. Widow(er) of a U.S. citizen who died within the past two (2) years
- c. Special Immigrant Juvenile
- d. Special Immigrant Religious Worker
- e. Special Immigrant based on employment with the Panama Canal Company, Canal Zone Government or U.S. Government in the Canal Zone
- f. Special Immigrant Physician
- g. Special Immigrant International Organization Employee or family member
- h. Special Immigrant Armed Forces Member
- i. Self-Petitioning Spouse of Abusive U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident
- j. Self-Petitioning Child of Abusive U.S. Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident
- k. Other, explain:

- I-485 Filed Concurrently
- Bene "A" File Reviewed

Classification

Consulate

Priority Date

Remarks:

Part 3. Information about the person this petition is for.

Family Name S		Given Name [REDACTED]	Middle Name
Address - C/O Catholic Charities Immigration-S [REDACTED]			
Street Number and Name [REDACTED]		Apt. # [REDACTED]	
City [REDACTED]		State or Province/L [REDACTED]	
Country USA		Zip/Postal Code [REDACTED]	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) [REDACTED]		Country of Birth Mexico	
U.S. Social Security #		A # (if any) None	

Marital Status Single Married Divorced Widowed

Complete the items below if this person is in the United States:

Date of Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy) 06/01/1995	I-94# None
Current Nonimmigrant Status FWI	Expires on

Action Block

To Be Completed by Attorney or Representative, if any
 Fill in box if G-28 is attached to represent the applicant

VOLAG#

ATTY State License #

Part 4. Processing Information.

Below give information on U.S. Consulate you want notified if this petition is approved and if any requested adjustment of status cannot be granted.

American Consulate: City N/A Country _____

If you gave a United States address in Part 3, print the person's foreign address below. If his/her native alphabet does not use Roman letters, print his or her name and foreign address in the native alphabet.

Name _____ Address _____

Gender of the person this petition is for.

Male

Female

Are you filing any other petitions or applications with this one?

No

Yes (How many? _____)

Is the person this petition is for in deportation or removal proceedings?

No

Yes (Explain on a separate sheet of paper)

Has the person this petition is for ever worked in the U.S. without permission?

No

Yes (Explain on a separate sheet of paper)

Is an application for adjustment of status attached to this petition?

No

Yes

Part 5. Complete only if filing for an Amerasian.

Section A. Information about the mother of the Amerasian

Family Name _____ Given Name _____ Middle Name _____

Living? No (Give date of death _____) Yes (complete address line below) Unknown (attach a full explanation)
Address _____

Section B. Information about the father of the Amerasian: If possible, attach a notarized statement from the father regarding parentage. Explain on separate paper any question you cannot fully answer in the space provided on this form.

Family Name _____ Given Name _____ Middle Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Country of Birth _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Living? No (Give date of death _____) Yes (complete address line below) Unknown (attach a full explanation)
Home Address _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____

At the time the Amerasian was conceived:

The father was in the military (indicate branch of service below - and give service number here):

Army Air Force Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard

The father was a civilian employed abroad. Attach a list of the names and addresses of organizations which employed him at that time.

The father was not in the military, and was not a civilian employed abroad. (Attach a full explanation of the circumstances.)

Part 6. Complete only if filing for a Special Immigrant Juvenile Court Dependent.

Section A. Information about the Juvenile

List any other names used.

Answer the following questions regarding the person this petition is for. If you answer "No," explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Is he or she still dependent upon the juvenile court or still legally committed to or under the custody of an agency or department of a state? No Yes

Does he or she continue to be eligible for long term foster care? No Yes

Part 7. Complete only if filing as a Widow/Widower, a Self-petitioning Spouse of an Abuser, or as a Self-petitioning Child of an Abuser.

Section A. Information about the U.S. citizen husband or wife who died or about the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident abuser.

Family Name		Given Name	Middle Name A.
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Country of Birth	Date of Death (mm/dd/yyyy)	N/A

He or she is now, or was at time of death a (check one):

U.S. citizen born in the United States. U.S. citizen through Naturalization (Show A #)

U.S. citizen born abroad to U.S. citizen parents. U.S. lawful permanent resident (Show A #)

Other, explain _____

Section B. Additional Information about you.

How many times have you been married?	How many times was the person in Section A married?	Give the date and place you and the person in Section A were married. (If you are a self-petitioning child, write: "N/A")
1	1	Chicago, IL

When did you live with the person named in Section A? From (Month/Year) 06/2002 until (Month/Year) 05/2008

If you are filing as a widow/widower, were you legally separated at the time of the U.S. citizen's death? No Yes (attach explanation)

Give the last address at which you lived together with the person named in Section A, and show the last date that you lived together with that person at that address.

If you are filing as a self-petitioning spouse, have any of your children filed separate self petitions? No Yes (show child(ren)'s full names):

Part 8. Information about the spouse and children of the person this petition is for.

A widow/widower or a self-petitioning spouse of an abusive citizen or lawful permanent resident should also list the children of the deceased spouse or of the abuser.

A. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth Puerto Rico	Relationship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child	A.	A #
B. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth USA	Relationship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child	A	A # NONE
C. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A #
D. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A #
E. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A #
F. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A #



Part 8. Information about the spouse and children of the person this petition is for. (Continued.)

G. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A#
H. Family Name	Given Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
Country of Birth	Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Child		A#

Part 9. Signature.

Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this part. If you are going to file this petition at a USCIS office in the United States, sign below. If you are going to file it at a U.S. consulate or USCIS office overseas, sign in front of a USCIS or consular official.



I certify, or, if outside the United States, I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this petition and the evidence submitted with it is all true and correct. If filing this on behalf of an organization, I certify that I am empowered to do so by that organization. I authorize the release of any information from my records, or from the petitioning organization's records, that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service needs to determine eligibility for the benefit being sought.

Signature	Date
	
Signature of USCIS or Consular Official	Print Name
	Date

NOTE: If you do not completely fill out this form or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, the person(s) filed for may not be found eligible for a requested benefit and it may have to be denied.

Part 10. Signature of person preparing form if other than above. (sign below)

I declare that I prepared this application at the request of the above person and it is based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Signature	Print Your Name	Date
		11/13/2009
Firm Name and Address		

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
651 W. Lake St. Chicago, IL 60642

Addendum for Form I-360 ([REDACTED])

Addendum to I-360 Page 2 Part 4.

I have worked at a factory in Chicago since 1996 supporting myself and my son as my husband is an alcoholic and does not hold a steady job.

Notice of Entry of Appearance
as Attorney or Representative

Appearance - An appearance shall be filed on this form by the attorney or representative appearing in each case. Thereafter, substitution may be permitted upon the written withdrawal of the attorney or representative of record or upon notification of the new attorney or representative. When an appearance is made by a person acting in a representative capacity, his personal appearance or signature shall constitute a representation that under the provisions of this chapter he is authorized and qualified to represent. Further proof of authority to act in a representative capacity may be required. **Availability of Records** - During the time a case is pending, and except as otherwise provided in 8CFR 103.2(b), a party to a proceeding or his attorney or representative shall be permitted to examine the record of proceeding in a Service office. He may, in conformity with 8 CFR 103.10, obtain copies of Service records or information therefrom and copies of documents or transcripts of evidence furnished by him. Upon request, he/she may, in addition, be loaned a copy of the testimony and exhibits contained in the record of proceeding upon giving his/her receipt for such copies and pledging that it will be surrendered upon final disposition of the case or upon demand. If extra copies of exhibits do not exist, they shall not be furnished free on loan; however, they shall be made available for copying or purchase of copies as provided in 8 CFR 103.10.

In re: [REDACTED]	Date 12/02/2008
	File No. None, [REDACTED]

I hereby enter my appearance as attorney for (or representative of), and at the request of, the following named person(s):

Name SOCORRO SANCHEZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant
Address (Apt. No.) (Number & Street) (City) (State) (ZIP Code)	[REDACTED]	
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiary	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant
Address (Apt. No.) (Number & Street) (City) (State) (ZIP Code)	[REDACTED]	

Check applicable item(s) below:

- 1. I am an attorney and a member in good standing of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States or of the highest court of the following State, territory, insular possession, or District of Columbia _____ and am not under a court or administrative agency order suspending, enjoining, restraining, disbaring, or otherwise restricting me in practicing law. Name of Court
- 2. I am an accredited representative of the following named religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States and which is so recognized by the Board: Catholic Charities
- 3. I am associated with _____ the attorney of record who previously filed a notice of appearance in this case and my appearance is at his request. (If you check this item, also check item 1 or 2 whichever is appropriate.)
- 4. Others (Explain fully.)

SIGNATURE [REDACTED]	COMPLETE ADDRESS CATHOLIC CHARITIES 651 W. Lake St. Chicago IL 60661
NAME (Type or Print) S [REDACTED]	TELEPHONE NUMBER 312-427-7078 312-427-3130

PURSUANT TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, I HEREBY CONSENT TO THE DISCLOSURE TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY RECORD PERTAINING TO ME WHICH APPEARS IN ANY IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE SYSTEM OF RECORDS:
Sarah J. Fligel

(Name of Attorney or Representative)

THE ABOVE DISCLOSURE IS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING MATTER:
VAWA I-360 Self Petition

Name of Person Consenting [REDACTED]	Signature of Person Consenting [REDACTED]	Date 12/02/2008
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(NOTE: Execution of this box is required under the Privacy Act of 1974 where the person being represented is a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.)

Translation of Personal Affidavit

I am Mrs. S. [redacted] and I want to share with you a little bit of the history of my life. I met R. [redacted] in the beginning of May 2002. I met him in a church because I went with my family and he had met my brother-in-law before as they worked together sometimes. He invited me to go out and we began going out together. He seemed to me to be a good person, very attentive and seemingly well-bred, and he liked me and I liked him as he pursued me a lot. He told me I was very pretty and I reminded him of his mother and I was so happy with him. We went out getting to know the city of Chicago, downtown, and we went to restaurants. It was lovely, he was funny and dedicated songs to me and sent flowers to my house. No one had ever sent flowers to me, and I was so happy. He said that when we were married if I would accept him he would make me the happiest woman in the world, that we would always be together through the good and bad. That we would have a large house with all the children I wanted to have and that he would help me with taking care of the house and everything. I believed all of it and I was so excited, I felt like I was in the clouds and thought I had found the man I had been looking for my whole life.

We were boyfriend and girlfriend and he asked for my hand to get married and took me to his sister's house to meet his family. It was all very proper and I was in love and cared for him so much, we were so happy. He gave me an engagement ring and we spent every day together. We decided to live together before we got married which was at the end of June 2002 and we were very happy in his apartment. Everything was fine, I worked and arrived home to cook and clean and have everything ready when he got home from work. It was the perfect honeymoon.

After a time he told me that he liked to go out every Friday with his friends and I didn't want to make him feel like he had lost his freedom so I told him that was fine. He would go out and arrive home drunk in the middle of the night but he didn't bother me. He would sleep on the couch in the living room and didn't fight with me or bother me at all so I told him it was fine. I knew there were men that drank and arrived home to fight and this was my case and I was happy because it wasn't a problem that he drank and when he smoked he'd go out to the street. And that's how we were for a few months very happy, tranquil even though at times there were little disagreements but nothing that was a big deal and didn't grow worse.

I wanted to get pregnant and anxiously awaited the day and he told me that the day we had our children they would be beautiful because they belonged to both of us, and so we decided it was time to get married and so we married March 15, 2003. It was a simple wedding, his sister went with us and my parents and we went out to the park and downtown afterwards as we were accustomed to doing, we were so happy. Afterwards I got pregnant and I was so happy I was blessed by God and he was also happy, but after a time he began to get very demanding.

He wasn't happy with the food and criticized all of my domestic work. That's how things were as we moved to a bigger apartment. We wanted to have more room and be better but that's not how it was he continued to be mad and insulted me and I believed that it would soon pass. I asked him why he was treating me like that if the only thing I did was work and he that it was that he had depression since he

didn't have a job and that I was giving him the short end of the stick because of the pregnancy. And so my pregnancy ended when my son was born we were happy but at times he got mad when the child cried and he would fight with me but I thought it was just a matter of adapting to a new phase, the time passed and I worked hard for everything to get better but it didn't. I wanted to save my marriage and I made myself work to have the best food and everything clean but he was always unsatisfied. Time passed and I realized that it would end some day, but every day was worse, always fighting, he was drinking every day, he hit me and humiliated me.

I wasn't working and it was difficult like around 2005 I was already looking for a way out. I looked for addresses of attorneys and noted phone numbers for violence help and things like that to get out of the problem. And I told him that if he kept treating me badly one day I would divorce him and he got really mad and said that I would be left alone because he would take our son. And that was how it was for a long time I didn't get the courage to do anything and every day things got worse he looked at me with eyes filled with hatred that made me even more afraid, and that was how I took all those years afraid for my life. When he got mad, when he drank and looked at me meanly, when he yelled at me so much and when he hit me and insulted me he had control of my life and I didn't have control of it, until finally thanks to God it all ended.

I bought things to fix up the house and I bought our son some pacifiers that he liked and he (my husband) asked me why did you buy those they are so little and after an argument about it he began to hit me, he punched me in the face, he pulled my hair. It began in our room and afterwards it moved to the kitchen. He threw me on the bed. He hit me in my back near my waist that hurt for days it was like the pain was in my bones. He hit me in the face and left me covered with bruises along with some scratches by my eye and on my hands and legs, he spent a long time beating on me. I was really upset the next day and began caring for my bruises but didn't know if I should tell the police or not and that's how it was until December 26th he continues with the insults and the same problems. He came in that day and said I don't want to be here anymore I get in and you make me so angry, and the only reason come here is because I don't have anywhere else to live if I did I wouldn't come home. I don't want you anymore you are a parasite and after all his insults we were watching television and afterwards he started up again with me. He pushed me on the bed and my bone in my waist was still hurting. I tried to get him off me and he got so mad and began to say many rude things and that he didn't want to be there anymore if he had somewhere else to go he would go.

On another occasion there was a Chicago baseball game on and he went to watch it at his family's house and I called him because a woman had brought her car for him to fix something. He brought it to where he was and I called him several times and he had to come but it seems like the game hadn't ended and from the moment he entered the house he was fighting. He told me that I was a stupid retard, an idiot and that he had to be on drugs to live with me. He said that where he was two women had come that were very fine and that I wasn't worth anything. He hit me and dragged me across the floor. He hit me very hard and choked my neck and pulled my hair and went on like that for like 30 minutes and afterwards just fighting it was awful and after two hours he was asleep and my mouth was dry from the terrified feeling and from not knowing what to do. It made me want to call the police but I didn't do it

and in the morning when I was waking up I said oh holy God I am still alive, it was like I was afraid that he could have gone to the point of killing me.

I hereby certify that I am fluent in the English and Spanish languages and this is a faithful translation from Spanish to English of the attached original affidavit.

 01/13/2008

Translator

Date