CBP Changes I-192 Criminal Waiver Processing for the State of Michigan

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Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. — U.S. Customs and Border Protection encounters foreign nationals requesting entry into the country who have criminal histories on a routine basis. These individuals are required to provide an I-192 Criminal Waiver Application in order to be considered for entry.

Currently all I-192 applications are processed in Sault Ste. Marie for all ports of entry in Michigan. Effective Nov. 1, the process will be changed and all applicants wishing to file an I-192 waiver application will be required to submit their application packet in person, at the nearest land port of entry.

The application must be completed at the time of submission, except for fingerprinting, as incomplete applications will not be accepted. There is no change to any other required documentation. Fingerprinting and fee collection will be completed at the port of entry once the application has been reviewed and determined to be complete. Accepted applications will then be submitted to CBP's Admissibility Review Office for final processing.

“This change will streamline the processing of I-192 waiver applications throughout the state of Michigan,” said Christopher Perry, director of field operations in Detroit. “The change will eliminate one step in the application process and allow applicants to correspond directly with the office responsible for processing their application.”

Applications will be accepted at the Detroit Canada Tunnel in Detroit, the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron and the International Bridge in Sault Ste. Marie, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applicants can check the status of their application not earlier than 90 days from the date their application was accepted. Update requests should be sent to inquiry.waiver.aro@dhs.gov

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