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## 9 FAM 40.21(a) NOTES

### Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to the following subchapter:

#### 9 FAM 40.21(a) Notes

- N3.1 (2) "Defining Conviction"
- N3.4-1 "Nolo Contendere" Plea
- N3.4-4 "Judicial Recommendation Against Deportation (JRAD)"
- N3.4-5 "Conviction While U.S. Citizen"
- N3.5 "Pardons Relating to Convictions"
- N4.1 "Principal Alien"
- N4.2 "Certain Relatives of U.S. Citizens or Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs)"
- N11 "Convicted War Criminals"

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