FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER Western District of Washington

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February 25, 2025

The Honorable Magistrate Judge U.S. Courthouse 700 Stewart Street Seattle, WA 98101

Re: Carlos Eduardo Ardiles-Adraz, A



Dear Magistrate Judge:

We have conducted an initial review of Carlos Eduardo Ardiles-Adraz's habeas corpus petition. It appears his case falls within the group of petitions challenging the statutory authority of the ICE to detain him pursuant to *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). In addition, Mr. Ardiles-Adraz challenges the constitutionality of indefinite ICE detention.

As Mr. Ardiles-Adraz has set forth in his habeas petition, his case is controlled by Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). Mr. Ardiles-Adraz was ordered deported to Venezuela on August 6, 2024, and has been in ICE custody since February 23, 2024.

Based on these facts, our office believes that ICE does not have the statutory or constitutional authority to detain Mr. Ardiles-Adraz because his case is governed by Zadvydas v. Davis and thus his continued detention is unlawful.

Should Mr. Ardiles-Adraz qualify financially, we welcome the opportunity to assist him in pursuing his claims for relief. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colin Fieman

Federal Public Defender