

1 Eduardo Mendoza

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3 Northwest Detention Center

4 1623 East J Street

5 Tacoma, WA 98421-1615

6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 EDUARDO MENDOZA,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of  
13 the United States; KRISTI NOEM,  
14 Secretary, United States Department of  
15 Homeland Security; DREW BOSTOCK,  
16 Seattle Field Office Director, United  
17 States Citizenship and Immigration  
18 Services; WARDEN of Immigration  
19 Detention Facility; and the United States  
20 Immigration and Customs Enforcement,

21 Respondents.

22 No.

23 PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS  
24 CORPUS BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL  
25 CUSTODY PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C.  
26 § 2241

27 PETITION

28 1. Place of detention:

29 Northwest Detention Center, 1623 East J Street, Tacoma, Washington 98241-  
30 1615, pursuant to a contractual arrangement with my custodian, the ICE Field Office  
31 Director at Seattle, Washington.

32 2. Name and location of court and name of judge who imposed confinement:

33 ICE Field Director, Seattle, Washington.

34 3. Case Number or numbers [ICE file number, if known]:

35 A# [REDACTED]

1 4. Date of Order of Confinement:

2 A. Taken into custody by ICE: August 27, 2024

3 B. Date of Order of Removal: September 19, 2024

4 5. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction or the imposition of sentence:

5 N/A

6 6. If you answered "yes" to (5), list

7 A. The name of each court or administrative tribunal to which you appealed:

8 N/A

9 B. The result in each court to which you appealed:

10 N/A

11 C. The date of each result:

12 N/A

13 D. If known, citations of any written opinions or orders entered pursuant to  
14 such results:

15 N/A

16 7. Have you previously filed petitions for habeas corpus, motions under section  
17 2255 of Title 28, United States Code, or any other applications, petitions or  
18 motions with respect to this confinement:

19 None

20 8. If you answered "yes" to (7), list with respect to each petition, motion or  
21 application:

22 A. The specific nature thereof:

23 N/A

24 B. The name and location of the court in which each was filed:

25 N/A  
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1 C. The disposition:

2 N/A

3 D. The date of such disposition:

4 N/A

5 E. If known, citations of any written opinions or orders entered pursuant to  
6 each such disposition:

7 N/A

8 9. State concisely the grounds on which you base your allegation that you are being  
9 held in custody unlawfully, and the facts which support each of the grounds.

10 **GROUND FOR RELIEF**

11 A. My indefinite detention by respondent ICE is in violation of my rights to  
12 procedural and substantive due process, as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the  
13 United States Constitution.

14 B. Because I am seeking relief related only to my custody status, which is  
15 not inconsistent with an order of deportation, exhaustion of administrative remedies, if  
16 any, is not required.

17 C. Because there is not good reason to believe my removal will be  
18 effectuated in the foreseeable future, ICE has no statutory authority pursuant to 8  
19 U.S.C. § 1231(a)(6) to detain me. *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001); *Lin Guo Xi*  
20 *v. INS*, 298 F.3d 832 (9th Cir. 2002); *Thai v. Ashcroft*, 366 F.3d 790 (9th Cir. 2004).

21 D. I was taken into ICE custody on August 27, 2024. My order of removal  
22 became final on September 19, 2024. As of today's date, ICE has not been able to  
23 effectuate my removal. I have done everything that ICE has asked me to do to try to get  
24 travel documents, and will cooperate fully in the process of getting travel documents.  
25 However, my assigned deportation officer, Officer Bell, has informed me that  
26 Nicaragua has refused to issue me a travel document.

1           E.     The statute authorizing my detention, 8 U.S.C. § 1231, and related  
2 regulations are unconstitutional as applied to me and others like me. Because ICE's  
3 communications with my country establish no reason to believe I will be deported in  
4 the reasonably foreseeable future, my continued detention is purely a punitive measure  
5 that violates my constitutional rights. *See Wong Wing v. U.S.*, 163 U.S. 228, 237 (1896)  
6 (holding that punitive measures could not be imposed upon immigrants ordered  
7 removed because "all persons within the territory of the United States are entitled to the  
8 protection" of the Constitution).

9   10.    Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court or administrative  
10         body as to the claims raised above?

11         N/A

12   11.    Have you exhausted your administrative remedies with respect to the claims  
13         raised above?

14         *See* 9(C), above.

15   12.    If you are seeking leave to proceed in forma pauperis, have you completed the  
16         sworn affidavit setting forth the required information?

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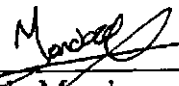

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Based upon the illegal and unconstitutional actions listed above, I request that the Court grant my petition and direct respondent to release me from custody, as well as any other relief to which I may be entitled in this proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

I verify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my recollection.

DATED this 24th day of March, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Eduardo Mendoza [SIGN NAME]  
A#   
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In Propria Persona