

Chief District Judge David G. Estudillo

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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 TAREQ ZIAD FOUAD ZAKARNEH,

Case No. 2:25-cv-00707-DGE

11 Petitioner,

FEDERAL RESPONDENT'S
STATUS UPDATE

12 v.

13 UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, *et al.*,

14 Respondents.

15 Pursuant to this Court's Order (Dkt. No. 71), Federal Respondent U.S. Immigration and
16 Customs Enforcement ("ICE") provides this status update concerning Petitioner Tareq Ziad
17 Fouad Zakarneh's detention status. Zakarneh remains in detention at the Northwest ICE
18 Processing Center pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a). Baez-Santiago Decl., ¶ 9. ICE plans to
19 remove Zakarneh to the West Bank, Occupied Palestinian Territories. *Id.*, ¶ 3. ICE had recently
20 secured a flight to execute Zakarneh's removal order on November 22, 2025, but Zakarneh did
21 not comply with the removal efforts and he could not be removed. *See id.*, ¶¶ 4-7. Thus,
22 Zakarneh's "recalcitrant refusal to cooperate in effectuating his removal" is the reason why he
23 remains in detention. *Pelich v. INS*, 329 F.3d 1057, 1062 (9th Cir. 2003). Because he did not
24 comply in good faith with ICE's removal efforts, Zakarneh "cannot meet his burden to show that

1 there is no significant likelihood of removal in the foreseeable future.” *Lema v. INS*, 341 F.3d
2 853, 856 (9th Cir. 2003). Thus, the habeas petition should be denied.

3 DATED this 5th day of December, 2025.

4 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington and of such age and discretion as to be competent to serve papers.

I further certify on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing and supporting Declaration of Wilfredo Baez-Santiago, with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notice of such filing to the following CM/ECF participant(s):

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I further certify on this date, I arranged for service of the foregoing on the following non-CM/ECF participant(s), via Certified Mail with return receipt, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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