

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

ALEXIS RINCON-CORRALES,

Petitioner,

v.

2:25 CV 00439 DHU-LF

KRISTI NOEM, ET AL.

Defendants.

RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

The United States, on behalf of Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Pamela Bondi, Attorney General of the United States, Michael Bernacke, Director of the Salt Lake City Field Office, and Enrique Lucero, Director of the El Paso Field Office hereby respond to the Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

Introduction:

Petitioner brings his petition to challenge his transfer from Nevada to New Mexico, alleging that the transfer was without notice; disrupted upcoming hearings and attorney communications; and violated his rights to counsel and due process. The transfer was lawful and did not violate Petitioner's rights. The Petition should be denied.

Facts:

Petitioner is an alien who entered the United States without inspection on or about May 8, 2021. Petition, Doc. 1 at ¶ 14. He was encountered by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on April 7, 2025, after he had been arrested two days prior in Las Vegas, NV for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, among other charges. *Id.* at ¶¶ 17-18. After his release from state custody, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) took Petitioner into custody and issued him a Notice to Appear (NTA), placing him in removal

proceedings. He was initially detained in Las Vegas, NV at the Henderson Detention facility, but on May 6, 2025, he was transferred to Otero Processing Center in New Mexico, where he remains. *Id.* at ¶ 22. He is currently detained under Title 8 authority.

The legal basis for Petitioner's detention is predicated on the fact that he is an alien who does not have legal authorization to remain in the United States. Petitioner is being charged with inadmissibility to the United States under Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as an alien who is present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who entered the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General.

Argument:

1. The government has followed ICE policy on detainee transfers.

Petitioner's transfer to New Mexico from Nevada was lawful and should be upheld. ICE policy clearly allows for detainee transfers. ICE Policy § 11022.1 governs detainee transfers and provides the legal guidance related to that process. *See* Policy attached as Ex. A. Pursuant to this policy, "All detainee transfers and transfer determinations will be based on a thorough and systematic review of the most current information available." Policy § 11022.1(1). Field Office Directors (FOD), Supervisory Immigration Officers, ICE attorneys, Immigration Officers and Medical Staff are responsible for complying with the policies and procedures related to transfers. *Id.* § 11022.1(4). Transfer determinations are made according to Section 11022.1(5.2). Section 5.2(1) provides that "[u]nless a transfer is deemed necessary by a FOD or his or her designee under (3) of this section, ICE Supervisory Immigration Officers will not transfer a detainee when there is documentation to support the following,"

immediate family in the Area of Responsibility, Attorney of Record, pending or on-going removal proceedings, or the detainee has been granted or scheduled for a bond hearing. However, Section 5.2(3-g) states that “[a] transfer may be deemed necessary by a FOD or his designee for any of the following reasons . . . to relieve or prevent facility overcrowding; in such cases, efforts should first be made to identify for transfer those detainees who do not meet the criteria listed in section 5.2(1).” In the present case, ICE policies were followed. Petitioner was transferred from Nevada to New Mexico to relieve or prevent facility overcrowding. There is no evidence of a transfer motivated by “forum shopping” or other procedural mischief.

The same ICE policy requires notice to the detainee and his attorney. Section 5.3(1) provides that, “ICE will ensure that all necessary notifications are made to detainees and their attorneys when detainees are transferred. ICE is not required to notify family members or other third parties of a transfer.” Section 5.3(2) requires notification to attorneys. “If a detainee has an attorney of record, the sending office will notice the attorney that the detainee is being transferred and include the reason for the transfer and the name, location and telephone number of the new facility as soon as practicable on the day of the transfer, but in no circumstances later than twenty-four (24) hours after the transfer occurs.” Section 5.2(3) requires detainee notification, providing that: “[i]mmediately prior to transfer, the sending field office will ensure that the detainee is informed in a language or manner he/she can understand, that he/she is being transferred to another facility . . .” In this matter, ICE provided the Petitioner notice before the transfer took place on May 6, 2025. *See Notice*, attached as Ex. B. Petitioner was transferred on the same day that Petitioner’s counsel entered an appearance on May 6, 2025. Moreover, ICE also notified the Petitioner’s counsel

of the transfer within 24 hours of the transfer on May 7, 2025. *See Email Re: Electronic Notice to Attorney*, attached as Ex. C.

There are additional notice provisions implicated in this matter that have been fulfilled. Section 5.2(4) pertains to Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) matters. “If a detainee has pending proceedings before EOIR, ICE must submit Form I-830, Notice to EOIR: Alien Address.” Since Petitioner had up-coming immigration hearings scheduled when he was arrested, on May 8, 2025, ICE provided notice to the EOIR Las Vegas, NV that Petitioner was being transferred to the Otero County Processing Center in New Mexico. *See Form I-830*, attached as Ex. D. As such, Petitioner’s immigration hearing matters have been promptly rescheduled. Accordingly, ICE provided Petitioner’s attorney a hearing notice for a “Master Calendar” hearing on May 22, 2025, at the Otero Processing Center and a bond hearing notice scheduled on the same day, at the same location. *See Notices attached as Exs. E and F*. Therefore, any of Petitioner’s arguments regarding prejudice to Petitioner for the cancelled immigration hearings in Nevada have been remedied. The “Master Calendar” hearing will address initial removal proceedings where the Immigration Judge will give Petitioner an opportunity to seek relief for removal. Furthermore, Petitioner’s arguments with respect to venue are better suited for immigration court where he can move to change venue before the Immigration Judge. The issue may be moot if the Immigration Judge sets a bond in his case.

As to the bond hearing, it is presumed that Petitioner will not obtain bond because he has a pending DUI charge. If he does qualify for bond, the ICE ERO will have to determine whether it is operationally feasible to transfer him back to detention in Las Vegas. This is unlikely under the present circumstances and press of agency business. However, Petitioner

can request the Immigration Judge to transfer venue back to Las Vegas. In the off-chance that Petitioner does get a bond and DHS does not appeal, he will be released, and his case will take place in the non-detained setting. He can seek to transfer venue on his own back to the non-detained court in Las Vegas.

2. Petitioner's claims of due process violations are without merit.

Petitioner claims a due process violation because he was transferred from the Henderson Detention Center in Nevada to the Otero County Processing Center in New Mexico a few days before scheduled bond and removal hearings before the Immigration Court in Las Vegas. Doc. 1 at ¶ 34. He further asserts that the transfer occurred “without prior notice to Petitioner or his counsel and caused the cancellation of all scheduled hearings. As a result, Petitioner’s ability to communicate with counsel, prepare his applications for relief and participate meaningfully in proceedings has been significantly impaired.” *Id.* at ¶35.

While the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment guarantees the right to a fair hearing and access to counsel, Petitioner’s arguments regarding notice and due process are unavailing. As noted above, Petitioner and his attorney received timely notice of the transfer. ICE gave Petitioner notice before the transfer took place on May 6, 2025. ICE also notified the Petitioner’s counsel of the transfer within 24 hours of the transfer on May 7, 2025. Furthermore, the government rescheduled Petitioner’s immigration hearings. ICE provided Petitioner’s attorney notice of the “Master Calendar” hearing on May 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Otero Processing Center and notice of a bond hearing scheduled on May 21, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the same location. These are “in-person hearings,” which Petitioner’s counsel is entitled to attend, or he may otherwise be represented by another individual authorized to represent persons before an immigration court. While it appears that Petitioner’s present

counsel resides in Las Vegas, NV, he may arrange to attend in person or associate with a New Mexico attorney to represent Petitioner at the scheduled hearings. Likewise, should Petitioner's present counsel wish to communicate with his client and set up an attorney/client meeting, he can send an email to ElPaso.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov. ICE ERO will coordinate a meeting via electronic means. Petitioner has been afforded new settings before the Immigration Court, as well notices of those hearings to his attorney of record. Hence, there is no evidence of due process violations, and the Court should deny the petition on that basis and may stop the inquiry at that point.

3. The Administrative Procedures Act does not apply here.

Petitioner asserts that his transfer was without notice or justification and despite the scheduled bond and individual removal hearings, this action constitutes arbitrary and capricious conduct by the government, in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Doc. 1. at ¶¶ 39-40. Like Petitioner's due process claims, this claim fails.

The APA informs reviewing courts to "compel agency action unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed," 5 U.S.C. § 706(1), and to "hold unlawful and set aside agency action, findings, and conclusions," *Id.* § 706(2). A § 706(1) claim "can proceed only where a plaintiff asserts that an agency failed to take a *discrete* agency action that it is *required to take*." *Norton v. S. Utah Wilderness Alliance*, 542 U.S. 55, 64 (2004). The "limitation to *required* agency action rules out judicial direction of even discrete agency action that is not demanded by law (which includes, of course, agency regulations that have the force of law)." *Id.* at 65. Section 706(2) gives courts the power to "set aside agency action, findings, and conclusions," which is typically understood as a directive to vacate or invalidate the rule or order at issue. See *Harmon v. Thornburgh*, 878 F.2d 484, 494 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

Section 706's limitations exclude certain forms of judicial relief. First, the APA does not provide a cause of action for "money damages." 5 U.S.C. § 702. There are situations where the effect of relief under the APA is the disbursement of money, typically because it is required by law. What the APA prohibits are awards of money "given to the plaintiff to *substitute* for a suffered loss." *Bowen v. Massachusetts*, 487 U.S. 879, 895 (1988) (quoting *Maryland Dep't of Human Res. v. Dep't of Health & Human Servs.*, 763 F.2d 1441, 1446 (D.C. Cir. 1985)). Second, the "agency action" limitation of § 706 prevents plaintiffs from "seek[ing] wholesale improvement of [a] program by court decree, rather than in the offices of the Department or the halls of Congress, where programmatic improvements are normally made." *Lujan v. Nat'l Wildlife Fed.*, 497 U.S. 871, 891 (1990).

Third, and applicable here, the APA generally prohibits "specific relief," in the sense that, "when a court reviewing agency action determines that an agency made an error of law, the court's inquiry is at an end: the case must be remanded to the agency for further action consistent with the correct legal standards." *PPG Indus., Inc. v. United States*, 52 F.3d 363 (D.C. Cir. 1995); *see also Palisades Gen. Hosp. v. Leavitt*, 426 F.3d 400, 403 (D.C. Cir. 2005). *But see Alvarado Cnty. Hosp. v. Shalala*, 155 F.3d 1115, 1125 (9th Cir. 1998) (ordering specific relief on remand).

Petitioner fails to identify the final agency action that is at issue. He also does not identify what agency action should have been taken in arriving at the detainee transfer policy. Likewise, while Petitioner asserts that ICE failed to "account for [his] access to counsel, the active status of his proceedings and the disruption the transfer would cause" in violation of DHS procedural rules under 8 CFR §§ 1003-17-1003.25, he fails to identify which rules were violated and how the government was in error. Even if the Court considers Petitioner's

argument under the APA, there is no legal basis for it since the APA prohibits “specific relief.” Moreover, there is no relief to be granted here. Petitioner and his attorney received timely and adequate notice of the transfer. The ICE transfer policies were followed, and the transfer was for legitimate safety concerns due to overcrowding at the ICE facility in Nevada. Finally, Petitioner received new settings on the Immigration Court “Master Calendar” and for a bond hearing.

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U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Policy 11022.1: Detainee Transfers

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Effective Date: January 4, 2012

Superseded: All Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) documents that reference or provide guidance related to detainee transfers must be revised in accordance with this Directive.

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1. **Purpose/Background.** This Directive establishes new prioritized transfer determinations that are meant to minimize, to the extent possible, detainee transfers outside the area of responsibility and to provide cost savings to the agency.

This Directive consolidates and revises existing policies on how field offices make detainee transfer determinations and conducts transfers out of the Area of Responsibility (AOR). Transfers of detainees within the AOR are not covered by this Directive.

This Directive establishes responsibilities and procedures for ICE employees who perform detainee transfers and does not govern contract staff. ICE employees are advised that responsibilities and procedures for contract staff can be found in their respective vendor agreements

2. **Policy.** All detainee transfers and transfer determinations will be based on a thorough and systematic review of the most current information available.
3. **Definitions.** The following definitions apply for purposes of this Directive only.
 - 3.1. **Area of Responsibility (AOR).** The geographic area of responsibility under the authority of a Field Office Director (FOD).
 - 3.2. **Detainee transfer.** The transfer of a detainee from one AOR to another. The term does not include intake processing, or the transfer of aliens from facilities that are authorized for less than 72 hours, hold rooms, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol stations, or Ports of Entry. The term detainee transfer does not include the transfer of aliens to staging areas or facilities for the purpose of facilitating a scheduled final removal of aliens from the United States, nor does it include the final removal of aliens from the United States.
 - 3.3. **Immediate family.** This may include: mothers, fathers, step-parents, foster parents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, biological and adopted children, stepchildren, foster children, and spouses, including common-law marriage or civil unions and

cohabitating domestic partnerships legally recognized by a state or other governmental entity (e.g. District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam).

3.4. Workday(s). Monday through Friday excluding holidays or other local Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)/Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) office closures.

4. Responsibilities.

4.1. FODs, Supervisory Immigration Officers, Attorneys, Immigration Officers and Medical Staff are responsible for complying with the policy and procedures set forth in this Directive.

4.2. FODs are responsible for disseminating and enforcing this Directive and in conjunction with the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), developing protocols with EOIR court administrators within their AOR that ensure a regular exchange of timely and accurate hearing and detainee transfer schedule information.

5. Procedures.

5.1. Filing of the Notice to Appear (NTA) for Transfers. Unless impracticable because of logistical or other compelling factors that delay submission on a temporary or ongoing basis, NTAs will be submitted to EOIR within five (5) workdays of the NTA being served on the alien, or upon the alien entering ICE custody, whichever is later. Proper submission of an NTA does not require delivery confirmation, receipt or further action by EOIR. NTAs mailed to EOIR will only require postmark within the five (5) workdays to be considered timely. All NTAs mailed will utilize a service which tracks mailing and receipt dates.

As a general rule, detainees will not be transferred without the A-Files, T-Files, or work folders. If an A-File, T-File, or work folder does not accompany the transferred alien, the five (5) workdays provided for submitting the NTA to EOIR will not begin until the appropriate case officer, agent or other ICE employee who submits NTAs to EOIR receives the A-File, T-File or work folder.

5.2. Transfer Determinations.

- 1) Unless a transfer is deemed necessary by a FOD or his or her designee under paragraph (3) of this section, ICE Supervisory Immigration Officer(s) will not transfer a detainee when there is documentation to support the following:
 - a) Immediate family within the AOR;
 - b) An attorney of record (Form G-28, *Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative* on file) within the AOR;

- c) Pending or on-going removal proceedings, where notification of such proceedings has been given, within the AOR; or
- d) Been granted bond or has been scheduled for a bond hearing.

2) The Immigration Officer will conduct a review to determine whether any of these factors exist. Before a transfer is made in a case where one or more of these factors exist, the transfer must be approved at the Assistant Field Office Director level or higher, and the reasons for the transfer must be documented in the detainee's A-File.

3) A transfer may be deemed necessary by a FOD or his or her designee for any of the following reasons:

- a) To provide appropriate medical or mental health care to the detainee.
- b) To fulfill an approved transfer request by the detainee.
- c) For the safety and security of the detainee, other detainees, detention personnel or any ICE employee.
- d) At ICE's discretion, for the convenience of the agency when the venue of EOIR proceedings is different than the venue in which the alien is detained.
- e) To transfer to a more appropriate detention facility based on the detainee's individual circumstances and risk factors.
- f) Termination of facility use due to failure to meet ICE detention standards, lack of sufficient use of the facility by ICE, or emergent situations.
- g) To relieve or prevent facility overcrowding; in such cases, efforts should first be made to identify for transfer those detainees who do not meet any of the criteria listed in section 5.2(1).

4) *Orantes* Class Members.

- a) ICE is prohibited from transferring Salvadoran class members who are not represented by counsel, from the judicial district of their apprehension for at least seven days to afford them the opportunity to secure counsel.
 - i) The only exception to this rule applies to class members who are subject to expedited removal final orders. See *Orantes-Hernandez v. Gonzales*, No. 82-01107, Modified Consolidated Injunction, at paragraph 11.b. (C.D. Cal. Nov. 26, 2007).

- b) Salvadoran class members who *are* represented by counsel or obtain representation within the seven-day period can be transferred to other locations, but venue remains in the judicial district where each member's counsel is located.
- c) For any questions regarding the treatment of Salvadoran nationals in ICE custody, pursuant to the requirements of the *Orantes* settlement agreement, please contact the local ICE Office of Chief Counsel.
- 5) ICE Supervisory Immigration Officers will conduct a thorough review of the most current information available to make all detainee transfer determinations.

5.3. Notifications in the Event of a Detainee Transfer.

- 1) ICE will ensure that all necessary notifications are made to detainees and their attorneys when detainees are transferred. ICE is not required to notify family members or other third parties of a transfer.
- 2) Attorney notification. If a detainee has an attorney of record (Form G-28 on file), the sending field office will:
 - a) Notify the attorney that the detainee is being transferred and include the reason for the transfer and the name, location, and telephone number of the new facility as soon as practicable on the day of the transfer, but in no circumstances later than twenty four (24) hours after the transfer occurs.
 - b) Document the notification in:
 - i) The Detainee Transfer Check List; and
 - ii) The appropriate comments screen in ENFORCE.
 - c) Delay the notification when there are special security concerns, but only for the period of time justified by those concerns.
 - d) Appropriately document concerns in the detainee's A-File and the appropriate comments screen in ENFORCE.
- 3) Detainee notification. Immediately prior to transfer, the sending field office will ensure that the detainee is informed, in a language or manner he/she can understand, that he/she is being transferred to another facility and is not being removed (if applicable).
 - a) To ensure the safety of ICE personnel, ICE will ensure that specific plans and time schedules are not discussed with detainees and that following notification, the detainee:

- i) Is not permitted to make or receive any telephone calls until the detainee reaches the destination facility;
- ii) Does not have contact with any detainee in the general population until the detainee reaches the destination facility; and
- iii) Is notified that upon admission into the receiving facility, the detainee may place a domestic phone call, at no expense to the detainee.

- b) The sending office will ensure that the detainee notification is documented in:
 - i) The Detainee Transfer Notification form; and
 - ii) The appropriate comments screen in ENFORCE.
- c) At the time of the transfer, ICE will provide the detainee, in writing, the name, address, and telephone number of the facility to which they are being transferred, using the Detainee Transfer Notification form. ICE place a copy of the form in the detainee's A-File.
- d) ICE will make sure that the detainee acknowledges, in writing, that they have received the transfer destination information and that it is their responsibility to notify family members if so desired, upon admission into the receiving facility.

- 4) EOIR notification. If a detainee has pending proceedings before EOIR, ICE must submit Form I-830, *Notice to EOIR: Alien Address*. If the alien has an appeal pending with Bureau of Immigration Appeals (BIA), the BIA must be notified. In all cases, a copy of Form I-830 will be placed in the A-file.

5.4. Requests for Bed/Designation Transfers from Field Office to Field Office.

- 1) FODs or their designees are responsible for ensuring that field offices which routinely transfer cases:
 - a) Establish a means of communication so that receiving field offices provide sending field offices daily information regarding available bed space; and
 - b) Provide the names and contact numbers of staff responsible for handling transfers.
- 2) While field offices are encouraged to communicate directly regarding available bed space, the headquarters Removal Management Division (RMD) is available to assist a field office that has unsuccessfully attempted to locate space.
- 3) Field offices seeking bed space in other field office jurisdictions should phone the request (or e-mail with a follow-up phone call) with sufficient details of the case to the designated field office contact.

- 4) Once a field office has preliminarily agreed to accept a detainee from another office, ICE will ensure that:
 - a) The Form I-216, *Record of Persons and Property Transfer* is completed;
 - b) Complete information detailing the alien's criminal history, medical or mental health concerns, or security risks is provided.
 - c) Medical or mental health problems or prescribed medications are documented, either on Form USM-553 (or equivalent), *Medical Summary of Federal Prisoner/Alien in Transit*, or Form I-794, *In-Processing Health Screening*, and the form accompanies Form I-216;
 - d) Security concerns are outlined on a separate page and attached to Form I-216; and
 - e) A copy of the age verification documentation is attached if it is suspected that the detainee is a juvenile.
- 5) The FOD(s) or their designee(s) will arrange a method of providing medical histories to Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA) facilities if the IGSA requires that the medical unit review medical histories prior to accepting a transfer.
- 6) The receiving field office will ensure that Form I-216 is reviewed for consistency with information previously communicated. If there are issues that were not previously relayed to the receiving field office, ICE Supervisory Immigration Officers at the receiving field office will ensure that the sending field office is notified that the transfer request may be declined unless the issues are resolved.
- 7) Once the receiving field office has agreed to accept the transfer of the detainee on Form I-216, the sending field office will communicate a mutually agreeable estimated time of arrival. The sending field office may not substitute any detainee on Form I-216 without prior approval of the receiving field office.

5.5. Detainee Transfer Checklist and Transfer Notification Form.

- 1) ICE will ensure that both the Detainee Transfer Checklist and Transfer Notification Form are completed and placed in the detainee's A-File or work folder; and that the A-File or work folder accompanies the detainee to the receiving facility.
- 2) If the Detainee Transfer Checklist cannot be completed prior to transfer, the detainee may be transferred only if the authorized receiving FOD or his or her designee has expressly waived that procedure. The sending field office will note any such waiver in the A-File.

5.6. A-File.

- 1) Prior to transfer, the sending field office will ensure that the A-File is obtained and, in accordance with the appropriate procedures of the ICE Policy Directive titled, "Alien Registration File (A-File) Creation, Maintenance, Organization, and Disclosure of Information":
 - a) Forward the A-File to USCIS for consolidation; and
 - b) Attach all documents and forms on the proper side of the A-File.
- 2) The sending field office will ensure that the A-File includes copies of the following properly executed documents, fastened in the file:
 - a) I-216 and appropriate copies of Form I-77, Baggage Check (or IGSA equivalent);
 - b) Form USM-553 or local Medical Transfer Summary form;
 - c) Copy of Form I-213, *Record of Deportable Alien Form*;
 - d) Original or photocopy of Form I-203/203A, *Order to Detain/Release Alien*;
 - e) Detainee Transfer Checklist;
 - f) Age verification documents (if applicable);
 - g) A copy or printout of all previous Post Order Custody Reviews (POCRs) and travel document requests in a property envelope fastened to the file;
 - h) Classification sheet;
 - i) Charging documents/records of proceedings;
 - j) Certified copies of convictions;
 - k) Fingerprint cards;
 - l) Photographs; and,
 - m) Printouts from the Central Index System (CIS), ENFORCE and the FBI NCIC database.
- 3) If the sending field office is unable to obtain the A-File (and does not have a fully documented Temporary File), the detainee may not be transferred unless the receiving

field office, before the transfer takes place, accepts a work folder created by the sending field office that includes, at a minimum:

- a) Certified copies of convictions or information as addressed in section 5.8;
- b) Printouts from the Central Index System (CIS), ENFORCE, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database;
- c) Charging documents/copies of the EOIR record of proceedings;
- d) Photographs and fingerprints;
- e) A Computer Linked Application Information Management System (CLAIMS) printout;
- f) A Treasury Enforcement Communications System (TECS) printout; and
- g) Any other documents reasonably requested by the receiving field office.

- 4) The sending field office will ensure that the A-File or work folder accompanies the transfer, except for cases where the receiving field office requests that the A-File or work folder be mailed by overnight express to a particular location. If requested, the sending field office will ensure that it is mailed no later than the following business day.
- 5) The sending field office shall communicate as soon as possible any anticipated significant delays in the arrival time of the detainees or their files.

5.7. Charging Documents/Record of Proceeding.

- 1) Before the transfer, all charging documents will be issued and signed by the individual with signatory authority for the sending field office.
- 2) If applicable, prior to transfer, all charging documents will be served on the detainee, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Form I-862, *Notice to Appear*;
 - b) Form I-200, *Warrant of Arrest*;
 - c) Form I-205, *Warrant of Removal*;
 - d) Form I-286, *Notification of Custody Decision*; and
 - e) Form I-826, *Notice of Rights*.

- 3) ICE will ensure that original charging documents or copies, if the originals have been submitted to EOIR (indicating proper service), are included in the A-File. A copy of the charging documents will be provided to the detainee.

5.8. Certified Copies of Convictions. A detainee may not be transferred if the certified copies of conviction relating to the charging document are not included in the A-File or work folder, unless the receiving field office has agreed in writing in advance to accept the case. In such instances, the sending field office will provide the Detainee Transfer Checklist point-of-contact names and phone numbers provided for:

- 1) The person at the sending field office responsible for obtaining the conviction record; and
- 2) An individual at the respective court or clerk's office where the record is located.

5.9. Fingerprint Cards. The sending field office will send the completed fingerprint cards in the A-File or work folder as noted below:

- 1) The cards will be signed by the alien and the official taking the fingerprints;
- 2) The cards will be completely filled out except for the address block requesting a disposition from the FBI;
- 3) The completed cards will be left in the A-File or work folder for the receiving field office to fill in the response address block and submit to the FBI and DHS Biometrics Support Center (when appropriate), unless the detainee is a Room-and-Board case (short-term staging); and
- 4) One fingerprint card should remain in the A-File or work folder at all times.

5.10. Photographs. The sending field office will take four (1 sheet of 4) new, standard booking-size photographs on photo quality paper and include any photos not needed for the transfer in the A-File or work folder.

5.11. Medical Procedures and Information Required for Transfer.

- 1) In advance of the transfer, ICE will ensure that the receiving facility is provided the USM-553 (facsimile or email is acceptable)
- 2) Transfer of the Detainee's Medical Record.
 - a) When a detainee is transferred within the ICE Health Service Corps (IHSC) system, IHSC will provide:
 - i) Form USM-553, or equivalent Medical Transfer Summary, and a copy of the detainee's full medical record; and

- ii) The full medical record in a sealed envelope or other container labeled with the detainee's name and A-number and marked "MEDICAL CONFIDENTIAL."
- b) When a detainee is transferred to an IGSA detention facility, ICE will ensure that the Transfer Summary will accompany the detainee. Whenever possible, a copy of the full medical record should accompany each detainee during transfer. If the full medical record is not available, it must be sent as soon as possible. FODs will work with IGSAAs to make arrangement for the transfer of the full medical record.

3) Medical Transfer Summary.

- a) The sending facility's medical staff will prepare a Medical Transfer Summary that must accompany the detainee. Either Form USM-553 or a facility-specific form may be used, provided it shows:
 - i) Tuberculosis (TB) clearance, including Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) with the test dates, and chest x-ray results if the detainee has received a positive PPD reading;
 - ii) Current mental and physical health status, including all significant health issues;
 - iii) Current medications, with specific instructions for medications that must be administered en route; and
 - iv) The name and contact information of the transferring medical official.
- b) The transporting officer may not transport a detainee without the Medical Transfer Summary.
- c) The transporting officer will review the information for completeness and make sure that he or she has the in-transit supplies required to provide to the detainee as indicated on the USM-553 or equivalent Medical Transfer Summary.
- d) Medical information is available to staff only on a need-to-know basis.
 - i) Any officer who reviews the Medical Transfer Summary will protect the privacy of the detainee's medical information to the greatest extent possible.
 - ii) Personnel may not share medical information unless necessary to safely fulfill transportation responsibilities.

- e) The transporting officer will deliver the Medical Transfer Summary to medical personnel, if practicable, or other staff at the receiving facility and will advise them of any medications provided to the detainee in transit.
- 4) Medical or Psychiatric Alert.
 - a) Appropriate medical staff will notify the facility administrator when they determine that a detainee's physical or mental condition requires:
 - i) Clearance by the medical staff prior to transfer; or
 - ii) Medical escort and specialized care (e.g. dialysis) during transfer.
- 5) Medications.
 - a) Prior to transfer, medical staff will provide the transporting officers instructions and, if applicable, medication(s) for the detainee's care in transit.
 - b) Medical staff will ensure that the detainee is transferred with, at a minimum, seven (7) days worth of prescription medications (for TB medications, up to 15 days' supply) to guarantee the continuity of care throughout the transfer and subsequent intake process.
 - c) ICE will ensure that medications:
 - i) Are placed in a property envelope labeled with the detainee's name and A-number and appropriate administration instructions;
 - ii) Accompany the transfer; and
 - iii) If unused, are turned over to the receiving medical personnel.

5.12. Other Transfer Paperwork.

- 1) ICE will ensure that no detainee is transferred without a properly executed Form G-391, I-213, I-216, I-203/I-203A, or equivalent. IGSA facilities may use a local form as long as the form provides the required information.
- 2) ICE Supervisory Immigration Officers will ensure that records are checked to ascertain if the alien has a criminal history, is dangerous, or has an escape record or medical condition. Any information of an adverse nature must be clearly indicated on the Form G-391, I-216, I-203, or equivalent, and the escorting officers will be notified of the risk and warned to take the necessary precautions.
- 3) Before beginning the transfer or the detail, the escorting and transportation officers will read their instructions and clearly understand the purpose for which the detainee

is being removed from the facility. The officers will also discuss emergency contingency plans with a supervisor and/or authorized ICE official before departure.

- 4) ICE will ensure that Form I-216:
 - a) Includes the detainee's name, A-number and detention category;
 - b) Indicates if the detainee has a criminal conviction, a history of violence, is an escape risk, or has a medical condition that may require attention during the transfer;
 - c) Notes whether the detainee is on prescription medication; and
 - d) Indicates the time of arrival estimated by the sending field office.
- 5) ICE will ensure that Form G-391, I-203/I-203A, or equivalent:
 - a) Is properly signed and clearly indicates the name and A-number of the detainee(s);
 - b) Indicates the place or places to be escorted; and
 - c) Notes the purpose of the trip and other information necessary to efficiently carry out the transfer, or detail.
- 6) The receiving field office may request that copies of Form I-203/I-203A or I-213 be transmitted directly from the sending field office to the receiving facility.

5.13. Property.

- 1) Before transfer, the sending facility will ensure that all funds and small valuables are properly documented and closed out on Form G-589/I-77 (or local IGSA property receipt form).
- 2) If the receiving facility does not accept excess, oversized or bulky belongings (including, but not limited to, suitcases, cartons, televisions, etc.), the sending facility will:
 - a) Arrange to store the property elsewhere; or
 - b) Process the excess property in accordance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) or Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) related to the destruction of contraband or abandoned property.
- 3) If the detainee refuses to provide an appropriate mailing address, or is financially able but unwilling to pay for shipping, ERO may dispose of the property after providing

the detainee written notice in accordance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) or Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) related to the destruction of contraband or abandoned property.

5.14. Movements via ICE-Managed Aircraft. When detainees are being transported by the ERO Flight Operations Unit, ICE will adhere to protocols established for ICE chartered removals

5.15. Post Transfer Activities.

1) Detainee Phone Calls.

a) After admission into the receiving facility the FOD will ensure that all detainees are given the opportunity to make a phone call at the government's expense.

2) ENFORCE.

a) The sending field office will ensure that appropriate screens in ENFORCE are complete, updated, and accurate.

b) Once the detainee reaches his or her destination, the receiving field office will update the appropriate screens in ENFORCE.

5.16. Quality Assurance Review. Consistent with the terms of this Directive, the FOD shall maintain statistics on transfers and have a quality assurance process in place to monitor all transfer decisions.

6. Authorities/References.

6.1. Immigration and Nationality Act, Pub. L. No. 82-414, §236(a) (1952) (codified as amended at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101 et seq).

6.2. ICE Policy Directive No. I-32.0, “Alien Registration File (A-File) Creation, Maintenance, Organization, and Disclosure of Information” (Oct. 2, 2009).

7. **Attachments.**

7.1. Detainee Transfer Notification.

7.2. Detainee Transfer Checklist.

8. **No Private Right Statement.** This Directive is an internal policy statement of ICE. It is not intended to, does not, and may not be relied upon to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party in any administrative, civil, or criminal matter.



John Morton

Director

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement



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Enforcement**

DETAINEE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION

This Form To Be Completed And Given To The Detainee

DETAINEE NAME: Alexis Rincon-Corral A# ██████████

NATIONALITY: MEXICO

TRANSFER INFORMATION

NAME OF NEW FACILITY: Otero County Processing Center

ADDRESS OF NEW FACILITY: 26 McGregor Range Road, Chaparral, NM 88081

TELEPHONE NUMBER 1-575-824-0440

OF NEW FACILITY:

I hereby acknowledge that I have received the transfer information. I have also been notified that it is my responsibility to notify family members or other, if I so desire.

Detainee Signature: A. Rincon A# ██████████ Date: 05/06/2025

Officer Signature: C. Thaler Date: 05/06/2025

From: Davis, Robert
To: Ortega, Roberto (USANM); Morton, Michelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: 2:25-cv-00439-DHU-LF Rincon-Corral v. Noem et al
Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 3:55:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FW Automated Attorney Notifications of Detainee Transfers in ERO eFile.msg](#)

Emails are automatically sent to counsel if they have a G-28 on file. No notice is individually prepared or sent. EARM has a note confirming notice was sent in this case on 5/7. The note reads:

Legal Representative Daniel Frederick Lippmann was notified on 2025-05-07 via ERO eFile that ALEXIS RINCON-CORRAL was transferred to OTERO COUNTY PROCESSING CENTER

Robert Davis
Deputy Chief Counsel
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor El Paso
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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From: Ortega, Roberto (USANM) <Roberto.Ortega@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 2:35 PM

NOTICE TO EOIR: ALIEN ADDRESS

Date: 05/08/2025

To: Enter Name of BIA or Immigration Court I-830 EOIR Las Vegas, NV

Enter BIA or Immigration Court Three Letter Code@usdoj.gov LVG

From: Enter Name of ICE Office Otero County Processing Center

Enter Street Address of ICE Office 26 McGregor Range Road

Enter City, State and Zip Code of ICE Office Chaparral, NM 88081

Respondent: Enter Respondent's Name Rincon-Corral, Alexis

Alien File No: Enter Respondent's Alien Number 

This is to notify you that this respondent is:

 Currently incarcerated by federal, state or local authorities. A charging document has been served on the respondent and an Immigration Detainer-Notice of Action by the ICE (Form I-247) has been filed with the institution shown below. He/she is incarcerated at:

Enter Name of Institution where Respondent is being detained

Enter Street Address of Institution where Respondent is being detained

Enter City, State and Zip code of Institution where Respondent is being detained

Enter Respondent's Inmate Number

His/her anticipated release date is Enter Respondent's Anticipated Release Date.

 Detained by ICE on Enter Date Respondent was Detained by ICE at:

Enter Name of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent is being detained

Enter Street Address of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent is being detained

Enter City, State and Zip Code of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent is being detained

 Detained by ICE and transferred on Enter Date Respondent was transferred to: 05/06/2025

Enter Name of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent has been transferred Otero County Processing Center

Enter Street Address of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent has been transferred 26 McGregor Range Rd.

Enter City, State and Zip Code of ICE Detention Facility where Respondent has been transferred

Chaparral, NM 88081

 Released from ICE custody on the following condition(s):

- Order of Supervision or Own Recognizance (Form I-220A)
- Bond in the amount of Enter Dollar Amount of Respondent's Bond
- Removed, Deported, or Excluded
- Other _____

Upon release from ICE custody, the respondent reported his/her address and telephone number would be:

Enter Respondent's Street Address _____

Enter Respondent's City, State and Zip Code _____

Enter Respondent's Telephone Number (including area code) _____

 I hereby certify that the respondent was provided an EOIR-33 Form and notified that they must inform the Immigration Court of any further change of address.ICE Official: Enter Your First, Last Name and Title Sergio Maldonado Deportation Officer 

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTERO IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: 
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: May 8, 2025

TO: Lipp Law LLC
Lippmann, Daniel
2580 Sorrel Street
Las Vegas, NV 89146

RE:  RINCON-CORRALES, ALEXIS

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: May 22, 2025
Time: 09:00 A.M. MT
Court Address: 26 McGREGOR RANGE ROAD, CHAPARRAL, NM 88081

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

Internet-Based Hearings: If you are scheduled to have an internet-based hearing, you will appear by video or telephone. If you prefer to appear in person at the immigration court named above, you must file a motion for an in-person hearing with the immigration court at least fifteen days before the hearing date provided above. Additional information about internet-based hearings for each immigration court is available on EOIR's website at <https://www.justice.gov/oir/oir-immigration-court-listing>.

In-Person Hearings: If you are scheduled to have an in-person hearing, you will appear in person at the immigration court named above. If you prefer to appear remotely, you must file a motion for an internet-based hearing with the immigration court at least fifteen days before the hearing date provided above.

For information about your case, please call 1-800-898-7180 (toll-free) or 304-625-2050.

The Certificate of Service on this document allows the immigration court to record delivery of this notice to you and to the Department of Homeland Security.

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Lipp Law LLC
Lippmann, Daniel
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FILE: A [REDACTED]

RE: RINCON-CORRALES, ALEXIS

NOTICE OF CUSTODY REDETERMINATION HEARING IN IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASE HAS BEEN
SCHEDULED/RESCHEDULED FOR A CUSTODY REDETERMINATION HEARING BEFORE THE
IMMIGRATION COURT ON May 22, 2025 AT 09:30 A.M. AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

26 McGREGOR RANGE ROAD
CHAPARRAL, NM 88081

YOU MAY BE REPRESENTED IN THIS PROCEEDING, AT NO EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT, BY
AN ATTORNEY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED AND QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT PERSONS
BEFORE AN IMMIGRATION COURT. IF YOU WISH TO BE REPRESENTED, YOUR ATTORNEY
OR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD APPEAR WITH YOU AT THIS HEARING.

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