

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK  
THE HONORABLE GRADY J. LEUPOLD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

ISA ABUBAKA,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,

Respondents.

No. 2:25-cv-01889-RSL-GJL

STIPULATED MOTION TO SET  
BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND  
(PROPOSED) ORDER

Note on Motion Calendar:  
October 8, 2025

Petitioner Isa Abubaka and Federal Respondents, through counsel, in order to expedite a ruling by this Court, and to avoid duplicative briefing on Mr. Abubaka's Petition and Request for Injunctive Relief, both before the Magistrate Judge and subsequently the District Court, the parties stipulate to a briefing schedule. A comparable Order was recently issued in *Tran v. Scott*, 2:25-cv-01886-TMC-BAT. Dkt. #8.

**I. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Mr. Abubaka filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Request for Injunctive Relief on September 30, 2025. Dkt. #1. On October 1, 2025, this Court referred the Petition and Request for Injunctive Relief to Magistrate Judge Grady J. Leupold. On October 6, 2025, Magistrate Judge Leupold appointed the Federal Public Defender to represent Mr. Abubaka. Dkt. #6. On the same date, Magistrate Judge Leupold ordered Respondents to file a return to the petition within 30 days. Dkt. #7.

As matters currently stand, Respondents would file a return no later than November 5, 2025, after which Mr. Abubaka would be entitled to file a traverse.

1 Magistrate Judge Leupold would issue a Report and Recommendation, after which  
2 there would be an opportunity for objection and response. As a result, the matter would  
3 not be before Judge Robert S. Lasnik for a lengthy period.

4 **II. STIPULATED MOTION**

5 To avoid multiple rounds of briefing on the petition, the parties stipulate to the  
6 following:

7 Federal Respondents will file a response to the habeas petition no later than  
8 October 21, 2025. Any arguments that the petition should be dismissed shall be made in  
9 the response and not by separate motion.

10 Petitioner will file a reply no later than October 28, 2025.

11 The Court will note the habeas petition for October 28, 2025.

12 The parties further request that the Court terminate the referral to Magistrate  
13 Judge Leupold, in order to expedite a final ruling by the Court.

14 The Order directing Federal respondents to file a response to the petition within  
15 30 days (dkt. #7) will be stricken.

16 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of October 2025.

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I certify this motion contains 327 words in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.

**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the following briefing schedule shall be entered:

Federal Respondents shall file a response to the habeas petition no later than October 21, 2025. Any arguments that the petition should be dismissed shall be made in the response and not by separate motion.

Petitioner will file a reply no later than October 28, 2025.

The Court will note the habeas petition for October 28, 2025.

Because this Court will address the expedited habeas petition, the Court terminates the referral to Magistrate Judge Grady J. Leupold.

It is so ORDERED.

DONE this \_\_\_ day of October 2025.

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ROBERT S. LASNIK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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