

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 25-24543-CIV-RUIZ**

**RAFAEL CENDAN,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of  
Department of Homeland Security,  
CHARLES PARRA, Field Director at Krome,  
JOSE SIERRA, Field Manager,  
MR. RIVAS, Deportation Officer for Cubans,**

**Respondents.**

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**RESPONDENTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Respondents, by and through the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully file this Response to the Court's Order to Show Cause entered December 15, 2025 [D.E. 16], and sincerely apologize for their failure to file a Response to the Court's Order to Show Cause by the requested date. The undersigned misread the Court's Order and was under the impression a Response was only needed if the Respondents objected to the relief sought by Petitioner. The undersigned counsel apologizes for the misunderstanding.

The undersigned is also now aware the Court extended the deadline to respond on December 17, 2025 [D.E. 17]. The undersigned did not see the cm/ecf email at the time of filing, which the undersigned understands is her responsibility and mistake. A review of the undersigned email shows she did in fact receive the notification. The undersigned profusely apologizes for this oversight and assures the Court it will not happen again. The undersigned will ensure every email is checked and rechecked each day to ensure further deadlines are not missed.

In compliance with the Court's Order to Show Cause [D.E. 16] and [D.E. 18], the Respondents state that they have no objection to the dismissal of this case without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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