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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

13 Henri Ba,

14 Petitioner,

15 v.

16 Todd Lyons, Acting Director,  
17 Immigration and Customs  
18 Enforcement;

19 Patrick Divver, San Diego  
20 Field Office Director,  
21 Immigration and Customs  
22 Enforcement Removal  
23 Operations;

24 and

25 Christopher J. LaRose,  
26 Warden, Otay Mesa  
27 Detention Center,

28 Respondents.


CASE NO.: '25CV2871 CAB BJW

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS  
CORPUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C.  
§ 2241

VERIFIED PETITION

Petitioner DHS No. A 

## INTRODUCTION

1. Petitioner Henri Ba (DHS No. A ) is in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) and is detained at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, an ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (“ERO”) holding facility in San Diego, CA.
2. Petitioner is unlawfully detained. Petitioner was previously released from ICE custody on November 10, 2004 on his own recognizance, and had remained free from custody for twenty-one years during his ongoing removal proceedings and applications for asylum, withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture, including during his successful appeal before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.
3. Petitioner’s immigration case is pending at the Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”) after ICE’s request to terminate removal proceedings against Petitioner was granted by the immigration judge over Mr. Ba’s opposition.
4. On August 19, 2025, Petitioner attended an immigration supervision check-in in San Diego, CA, and was arrested and detained by ICE.
5. There has been no change in Petitioner’s circumstances that would subject Petitioner to re-detention. Petitioner does not have a final removal order. Petitioner has complied with ICE supervision and the conditions of release. Petitioner has developed significant liberty interests while he has remained free from detention for twenty-one years.
6. ICE’s arrest and detention of Petitioner violate Petitioner’s rights under the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable seizure and the Fifth Amendment’s Due Process Clause, and they are in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 706(2)(A), (B), and (C).

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Jurisdiction is proper and relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331

(federal question), 28 U.S.C. § 1346 (original jurisdiction), 5 U.S.C. § 702 (waiver of sovereign immunity), 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (habeas corpus jurisdiction), and Article I, Section 9, clause 2 of the United States Constitution (the Suspension Clause).

8. Venue is proper in the Southern District of California under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because at least one federal Respondent resides in this District and because the Petitioner was arrested and is detained in this District.

### **PARTIES**

#### ***Petitioner***

9. Henri Ba is a citizen of Senegal who was admitted to the U.S. in 2000 on a J-visa. His removal proceedings are pending at the BIA after the IJ granted ICE's request to terminate his proceedings and pending applications for relief. He does not have a final removal order.

#### ***Respondents***

10. Todd Lyons is the Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a federal law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security. ICE's responsibilities include operating the immigration detention system. In his capacity as ICE Acting Director, Respondent Lyon exercises control over and is a custodian of persons held at the ICE facilities nationally. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Lyons was acting within the scope and course of his employment with ICE. He is sued in his official capacity.

11. Patrick Divver is the Director of the San Diego ERO Field Office, a federal law enforcement agency within the Department of Homeland Security. ERO is a directorate within ICE whose responsibilities include operating the immigration detention system. In his capacity as ICE ERO San Diego Field Office Director, Respondent Divver exercises control over and is a custodian of persons held at the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, CA. at all

1 times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent Divver was acting within the  
2 scope and course of his employment with ICE. He is sued in his official  
3 capacity.

4 12. Christopher J. LaRose is the Warden for the Otay Mesa Detention Center in  
5 San Diego, CA. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Respondent LaRose  
6 was acting within the scope and course of his status as the warden of the  
7 detention facility. He is sued in his official capacity.

8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

9 13. Petitioner was released from ICE custody on order of recognizance on  
10 November 10, 2004, during his removal proceedings

11 14. While under ICE supervision, Petitioner enrolled in the Intensive  
12 Supervision Appearance Program ("ISAP") check-ins. He complied with all  
13 requirements.

14 15. From November 2004 to present, Petitioner has attended all immigration  
15 court appearances requiring his attendance.

16 16. On May 8, 2023, Petitioner's removal proceedings were terminated by an  
17 immigration judge at the request of the Government and over Mr. Ba's  
18 objection.

19 17. Petitioner filed a notice of appeal of the Immigration Judge decision to the  
20 BIA on June 17, 2024. Petitioner filed a brief and the Government did not.  
21 Petitioner's appeal remains pending. Petitioner is therefore not subject to a  
22 final administrative order of removal.

23 18. On August 19, 2025, Petitioner reported to his ICE check-in in downtown  
24 San Diego. At that location, ICE officers arrested Petitioner.

25 19. Petitioner was transported to the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego,  
26 CA, where he has been since that date.

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**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**Petitioner's Detention Violates His Fourth Amendment Right Against  
Unreasonable Seizure**

20. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference all allegations above as though set forth fully here.

21. Subjecting an individual to an unreasonable arrest without probable cause is a violation of the Fourth Amendment. *See, e.g., Sanchez v. Sessions*, 904 F.3d 643 (9th Cir. 2018).

22. Petitioner had previously successfully complied with his ISAP requirements and was presently complying with the conditions of his release in reporting to his ICE check-in, and his arrest by Respondents was unreasonable and constitutes a violation of the Fourth Amendment.

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**Petitioner's Detention Violates His Fifth Amendment Right to Due Process**

23. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference all allegations above as though set forth fully here.

24. "The Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause forbids the Government to 'deprive' any 'person . . . of . . . liberty . . . without due process of law.' " *Zadyvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001).

25. "Freedom from imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical constraint—lies at the heart of the liberty that the Clause protects." *Id.* The guarantee applies in full force to "all 'persons' in the United States, including aliens, whether their presence here is lawful, unlawful, temporary, or permanent." *Id.*, at 693.

26. Under due process required by the Fifth Amendment, Petitioner developed significant liberty interests after being released from immigration custody twenty-one years ago and was owed a pre-detention hearing. *See Zinerman v. Burch*, 494 U.S. 113, 127 (1990) ("the Constitution requires some kind of

1 hearing before the State deprives a person of liberty or property”) (emphasis  
2 in original); *see also Morrissey v. Brewer*, 408 U.S. 471 (1972) (comparing  
3 release from immigration custody to liberty interest in parole).

4 27. Here, Petitioner was released on his own recognizance and remained free  
5 from ICE custody for twenty-one years. There was no change in  
6 circumstances to authorize re-detention. *See Valencia Zapata v. Kaiser*, No.  
7 25-CV-07492-RFL, 2025 WL 2741654, at \*2 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 26, 2025) (“if  
8 an [immigration judge] has determined the noncitizen ‘should be released,  
9 the DHS may not re-arrest that noncitizen absent a change in  
10 circumstance.’”). Respondents’ act of re-detaining Petitioner without notice  
11 and without a hearing violates his right to due process.

### 12 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### 13 **Petitioner’s Detention Violates the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C.**

#### 14 **§ 706(2)**

15 28. Petitioner repeats and incorporates by reference all allegations above as  
16 though set forth fully here.

17 29. Under the Administrative Procedure Act, a court must “hold lawful and set  
18 aside agency action” that is “arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or  
19 otherwise not in accordance with the law”; that is “contrary to constitutional  
20 right [or] power”; or that is “in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or  
21 limitations, or short of statutory right.” 5 U.S.C. §§ 706(2)(A)–(C).

22 30. Respondents’ arrest and detention of Petitioner—who has remained out of  
23 custody for twenty-one years during his removal proceedings—was arbitrary  
24 and capricious. ICE released Petitioner twenty-one years ago on his own  
25 recognizance because he was not a flight risk or danger to the community.  
26 ICE successfully moved the immigration judge to terminate Petitioner’s  
27 removal proceedings over two years ago, demonstrating its intent not to  
28 proceed with removal. ICE’s complete change of position in arresting

1 Petitioner is arbitrary and capricious and an abuse of discretion.

2 Respondents' arrest and detention of Petitioner violates the Fourth and Fifth  
3 Amendments of the Constitution and is in violation of 5 U.S.C. § 706(2).

4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks this Court to take jurisdiction over  
6 this actual controversy and:

- 7 a. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus and order the release of Petitioner because his  
8 arrest and detention violate the Fourth and Fifth Amendments and 5 U.S.C.  
9 § 706(2);
- 10 b. In the alternative, issue injunctive relief ordering Respondents to release  
11 Petitioner on the ground that his arrest and continued detention violates the  
12 Fourth and Fifth Amendments and 5 U.S.C. § 706(2);
- 13 c. Order that Petitioner not be re-detained without a pre-detention hearing  
14 before a neutral immigration judge;
- 15 d. Award Petitioner his costs and reasonable attorneys' fees in this action under  
16 the Equal Access to Justice Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 504 and 28 U.S.C.  
17 § 2412, and on any other basis justified under law; and
- 18 e. Grant any other and further relief that this Court deems just and appropriate.
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20 Dated: October 24, 2025

21 s/ Jean Reisz  
22 JEAN REISZ  
23 USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW,  
24 IMMIGRATION CLINIC  
25 Attorney for Petitioner  
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**VERIFICATION**

I, Jean Reisz, declare as follows:

I am an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of California.

Because many of the allegations of this Petition require a legal knowledge not possessed by Petitioner, I am making this verification on his behalf.

I have read the foregoing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and know the contents thereof to be true to my knowledge, information, or belief.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 24, 2025.

s/ Jean Reisz  
JEAN REISZ  
USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW, IMMIGRATION CLINIC  
Attorney for Petitioner

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on October 24, 2025, I served a copy of this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by email to the following individuals:

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Attorney for Petitioner

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Henri Ba

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff San Diego County  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Jean Reisz, Niels Frenzen, USC Law School Immigration  
Clinic, 699 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90089

## DEFENDANTS

Todd Lyons, Acting Dir. ICE, Patrick Divver San Diego ICE  
Field Office Director. Christopher LaRose. Warden OMD  
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF  
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

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Janet Cabral, Chief, Civil Division, US Atty's Office  
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## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

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## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
28 USC 2241

Brief description of cause:

Habeas Petition challenging unlawful detention pursuant to 4th and 5th Amendment and APA

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

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CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

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s/ Jean Reisz

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

## Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) **Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
  - (b) **County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
  - (c) **Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. **Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. **Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. **Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. **Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.  
Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.  
Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.  
Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.  
Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.  
Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.  
Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.  
Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. **Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. **Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. **Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.