UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LISUAL ARMANDO GUZMAN ANDUJAR *Petitioner,* v. LADEON FRANCIS, *et al.*, *Respondents.*	Civil Action No. 25-cv-9199 (JLR) DECLARATION OF KRISTOPHER DAWSON (A) ASSISTANT FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I Kristopher Dawson, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. I am acting Assistant Field Office Director at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), and I have been in this position since November 4, 2025. I have worked at ICE since December 29, 2009, when I started as an Immigration Enforcement Agent, then as a Deportation Officer, and finally as a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer.

2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Lisual Guzman Andujar ("Guzman Andujar"), a native and citizen of the Dominican Republic, has been assigned the following Alien Number: [redacted] The following representations are based on my review of Guzman Andujar's administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.

3. On January 27, 2023, Guzman Andujar unlawfully entered the United States by crossing the international border near San Luis, Arizona. He was encountered by United States Customs and Border Protection ("CBP").

4. CBP determined that Guzman Andujar, an applicant for admission, had illegally entered the United States without inspection, and did not possess the necessary legal documentation to enter, pass through, or remain in the United States. Guzman Andujar was arrested and transported to the Rio Grande Valley Sector Centralized Processing Center for further processing.

5. On January 27, 2023, CBP personally served Guzman Andujar with a Notice to Appear ("NTA"), charging him as inadmissible under Immigration and Nationality Act ("INA") section 212(a)(6)(A)(i), 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i), as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General. Guzman Andujar was given oral notice in his native language about the location, date, and time of the hearing indicated on the NTA. Guzman Andujar was also provided with a list of organizations and attorneys which provide free legal services.

6. On January 28, 2023, CBP conducted an individualized custody determination for Guzman Andujar. Guzman Andujar was given an Order of Release on Recognizance. This alternative to detention included reporting conditions.

7. The NTA was subsequently filed with the immigration court in Boston, Massachusetts, thereby commencing proceedings against Guzman Andujar. The NTA indicated a first hearing date before the immigration court in Boston on November 21, 2024.

8. On September 24, 2024, Guzman Andujar filed a motion to change venue to the immigration court in New York, New York.

9. On November 19, 2024, the motion to change venue was granted, and Guzman Andujar's case was moved to the docket of the New York Immigration Court.

10. On November 21, 2024, Guzman Andujar was provided notice of an initial master calendar hearing scheduled at the Broadway Immigration Court for May 1, 2025.

11. On December 22, 2024, Petitioner was arrested by the New York Police Department and charged with violating NYPL 120.00-01 Assault 3d-Misdemeanor, and 240.26-01 Harassment 2d - Violation. The charges were ultimately dismissed on April 17, 2025.

12. On February 11, 2025, Guzman Andujar filed his I-589 asylum application with the immigration court. Given his date of entry, he did not file within the one year deadline, and is barred from applying for asylum. Based on his stated reason for failing to file within the deadline, he does not qualify for an exception to this deadline.

13. On March 14, 2025, Guzman Andujar was provided notice that his hearing had been rescheduled to September 2, 2025.

14. On September 2, 2025, Guzman Andujar appeared pro se for his first master calendar hearing. The immigration judge advised Guzman Andujar of his rights and obligations, explained the one-year filing deadline for asylum claims, and the need for evidence and translation requirements. This advisal was given to Guzman Andujar in Spanish. Guzman Andujar also indicated in Spanish that he understood this advisal.

15. On September 2, 2025, the immigration judge also noted that records indicated Guzman Andujar had been arrested in the United States 2024, and requested a disposition of this arrest. Guzman Andujar's matter was reset for master calendar hearing to November 4, 2025.

16. In the interim, ICE, having conducted an individualized review of Guzman Andujar's file, immigration history, and known criminal history, determined that Guzman Andujar was amenable to detention as an applicant for admission subject to the mandatory detention provision of the relevant statute.

17. On November 4, 2025, Guzman Andujar appeared pro se for his second master calendar hearing.. Pleadings were conducted at this hearing, and Guzman Andujar admitted and conceded the allegations contained in the NTA, thereby establishing removability. Guzman Andujar provided the dispositions of his arrest, which were added to the court's record of proceedings.

18. On November 4, 2025, after his master calendar hearing, ICE took Guzman Andujar into custody after having reviewed all relevant information and following all procedures. Guzman Andujar was initially held at ICE's temporary hold room located at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, pending his transfer to a detention facility.

19. On November 8, 2025, Guzman Andujar was transferred to the Orange County Jail (OCJ), located in Goshen, New York.

20. Guzman Andujar remains at this facility at the time of writing.

21. While detained at OCJ, Guzman Andujar has multiple means of communicating with his attorney. The facility is equipped with tablets that allow for non-confidential communication with his attorney after they have set up an account. Confidential telephone or video calls can be arranged by contacting the Orange County Jail Visiting Officer. Finally, in-person attorney visits are authorized seven days a week, from 8am to 10pm. All relevant information is available online through ICE's facility page for OCJ.

I hereby declare under the penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.

Executed at New York, New York
This 11th day of November 2025.

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