

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MOHAMED EL MOCTAR  
TALEB MAAZOUZ,

*Petitioner,*

v.

JUDITH ALMODOVAR,, *et al.*,  
*Respondents.*

Case No. 25-cv-9330 (PKC)

**DECLARATION OF  
SUPERVISORY DETENTION AND  
DEPORTATION OFFICER  
KRISTOPHER DAWSON**

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 a Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”).

2. I have prepared this declaration in connection with a Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by the petitioner, Mohamed El Moctar Taleb Maazouz (“Maazouz” or “Petitioner”). Maazouz, a native and citizen of Mauritania, has been assigned the following Alien Number: 

 The following representations are based on my review of Petitioner’s administrative file, consultation with my colleagues, and ICE electronic records and databases.

3. Petitioner unlawfully entered the United States on or about April 4, 2024, near Otay Mesa, CA, when he was 17 years old. At that time, he was encountered by the United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), who determined that he had not lawfully entered the United States, and took him into custody. Petitioner is inadmissible under INA § 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. Because Petitioner was 17 at the time of his initial detention by CBP, he was provided the opportunity to contact a family member in the United States.

4. On April 5, 2024, CBP transferred Petitioner to the custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (“ORR”), because he was a minor. Petitioner was released from custody on [REDACTED] 2024. DHS cannot confirm at this time whether he was taken into DHS custody upon aging out on [REDACTED] 2024, before being subsequently released.

5. Between [REDACTED] 2024, and November 10, 2025, Petitioner was not in custody of the Department of Homeland Security.

6. Petitioner was arrested by the New York City Police Department on July 10, 2025, which resulted in a charge under New York Penal Law 120.00(1), Assault Third Degree: With Intent to Cause Physical Injury. This charge was later expunged from his record.

7. On October 22, 2025, ICE mailed a notice to Petitioner to appear for a scheduled appointment on November 10, 2025, at 201 Varick Street, New York, New York. Petitioner appeared for this scheduled appointment on November 10, 2025, and he was taken into custody by ICE. ICE served Petitioner with a Warrant for Arrest of Alien, Form I-200, and a Notice to Appear (“NTA”), charging him as inadmissible under INA § 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. The NTA advised the Petitioner that he was scheduled to appear before an Immigration Judge in the New York – Varick Immigration Court at 201 Varick Street, New York, New York, on November 20, 2025. At 7:21pm on November 10, 2025, Petitioner was transferred to the facility located at 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

8. On November 11, 2025, ICE transferred the Petitioner to Orange County Jail, located in Goshen, New York, where he remains detained today.

9. On November 13, 2025, the Varick Immigration Court sent a case notice to the Petitioner, advising him that his hearing had been rescheduled for November 17, 2025.

10. On November 17, 2025, the Petitioner appeared along with counsel for his initial Master Calendar hearing before an Immigration Judge at the Varick Immigration Court. Petitioner's case was adjourned to November 24, 2025, for pleadings to be taken.

11. Petitioner is being detained at the Orange County Jail in Goshen, New York, under Section 235(b)(2)(A) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A).

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

Executed at New York, New York  
this 21 day of 2025.

**KHRISTOPHE**  
**R J DAWSON**

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