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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**Miguel Anjel Pena-Ramirez,**  
Petitioner,  
v.  
**Kristi Noem, et al.,**  
Respondents.

Case No. 4:25-cv-05484

A No. 

**PETITIONER'S *Ex Parte*  
MOTION TO  
CHANGE VENUE**

**INTRODUCTION**

Petitioner Miguel Anjel Pena-Ramirez respectfully moves the Court to change the venue for his petition for writ of habeas corpus to the Western District of Texas. As grounds therefore, Petitioner represents that – despite his 11/16/2025 *ex parte* motion for a Temporary Restraining Order specifically requesting that he not be transferred from the Joe Corley Processing Center in Conroe, Texas, so as to preserve jurisdiction in this Court - Respondents nonetheless transferred him on 11/23/2025 to Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck, Texas. Accordingly, jurisdiction now lies in the Western District of Texas.

## FACTS

1. Petitioner filed his Petition for Writ Of Habeas Corpus in the Southern District of Texas on November 17, 2025, which was assigned Case No. 4:25-cv-05484. *See*, CM/ECF Docket No. 4. The Habeas Petition was served by email on both the Texas Office of the United States Attorney's Office in Houston Texas and Bryan Uhls, Warden of the Joe Corley Processing Center on November 16, 2025. *See*, Certificate of Service at page 15 of CM/ECF doc. 4.

2. Attached as Exhibit 7 to the Petition for Writ Of Habeas Corpus was a copy of the ICE locator page for Petitioner, dated 11/6/2025, showing that he was then detained at the Joe Corley Processing Center in Conroe, Texas. A copy of the 11/6/2025 ICE locator page for Petitioner is also filed herewith as Exhibit 1 for the Court's convenient reference.

3. Petitioner also filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order or, in the alternative, for a Preliminary Injunction. *See*, CM/ECF doc. 2. The *Ex Parte* Motion for a TRO was served by email on both the Texas Office of the United States Attorney's Office in Houston Texas and Bryan Uhls, Warden of the Joe Corley Processing Center on November 16, 2025. *See*, Certificate of Service at page 16 of CM/ECF doc. 2.

4. Petitioner telephoned undersigned counsel on Sunday, 11/23/2025, saying that he was being transferred out of the Joe Corley Processing Center in Conroe, Texas, but he did not know where he was going to.

5. No information appeared on the ICE locator page for Petitioner on Monday, 11/24/2025, or Tuesday, 11/25/2025, and telephone calls and emails to the Joe Corley Processing Center went unanswered.

6. Only today, 11/26/2025, did the ICE locator page for Petitioner show that he is now located at Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck, Texas.. A copy of that 11/26/2025 ICE locator page for Petitioner is filed herewith as Exhibit 2 for the Court's convenient reference.

### LEGAL ANALYSIS

In *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, 542 U.S. 426 (2004), the Supreme Court held that the "proper respondent" to a habeas petition is the immediate physical custodian of the person detained, and that the petition must be filed in the district court with jurisdiction over that custodian. Thus, "Section 2241 petitions may be brought only in the district in which the inmate is incarcerated." *Fernandez v. United States*, 941 F.2d 1488, 1495 (11th Cir. 1991).

Since Petitioner is no longer detained at the Joe Corley Processing Center, the petition should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, which now has jurisdiction over the case. Petitioner will amend his petition after such transfer to name the appropriate Respondents.

### CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests the Court grant his motion to change venue of this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

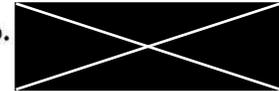
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER TRANSFERRING VENUE**

Upon consideration of Petitioner's Motion to Change Venue and having determined that it is appropriate under the facts of this case, it is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that Petitioner's Motion to transfer venue of this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas is hereby **GRANTED**.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States District Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on November 26, 2025, I served the attached document by electronic mail on the following entities, as no parties have yet entered appearances for the Respondents in this case:

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