

Chief District Judge David G. Estudillo

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MUHAMMAD ZAHID CHAUDHRY,

Petitioner,

v.

BRUCE SCOTT, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:25-cv-02339-DGE-MLP

FEDERAL RESPONDENTS'<sup>1</sup> RESPONSE TO  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Pursuant to this Court's Order to Show Cause (Dkt. No. 52), Federal Respondents submit this response and notify the Court that Petitioner's Order of Supervision ("OSUP") has been cancelled. Burns Decl., ¶ 3. Yesterday, this Court ordered "Respondents to release Petitioner from custody." Dkt. No. 48. In response, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") complied with the Order by releasing Petitioner from detention. Later in the day, Petitioner filed a motion to enforce and clarify the Court's order granting habeas release. Dkt. No. 50. In the motion, Petitioner questioned whether ICE's use of an OSUP complies with "the letter and the spirit" of this Court's Order. *Id.*, at 1.

<sup>1</sup> Respondent Bruce Scott is not a Federal Respondent.

1 The issue raised in Petitioner's motion is now moot because Petitioner is no longer subject  
2 to an OSUP. Burns Decl., ¶ 3. "A federal court does not have jurisdiction to give opinions upon  
3 moot questions or abstract propositions, or to declare principles or rules of law which cannot affect  
4 the matter in issue in the case before it." *Am. Rivers v. Nat'l Marine Fisheries Serv.*, 126 F.3d  
5 1118, 1123 (9th Cir. 1997); *see also Pitts v. Terrible Herbst, Inc.*, 653 F.3d 1081, 1086-87 (9th  
6 Cir. 2011) ("The issue in determining mootness is whether there is a present controversy for which  
7 effective relief can be granted.") (internal quotation marks omitted).  
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9 DATED this 23rd day of December, 2025.

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