

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Eastern District of California

Carlos Jesus Colina-Meira

Petitioner

v.

Todd Lyons, Acting Director, Immigration Customs and Enforcement; and Christopher Chestnut, Warden, California City Correctional Facility

Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. (Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

- 1. (a) Your full name: Carlos Jesus Colina-Meira
(b) Other names you have used:
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: California City Detention Facility
(b) Address: 22844 Virginia Blvd, California City, CA 93505
(c) Your identification number:
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
[checked] Federal authorities [] State authorities [] Other - explain:
4. Are you currently:
[] A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
[] Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced you:
(b) Docket number of criminal case:
(c) Date of sentencing:
[checked] Being held on an immigration charge
[] Other (explain):

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

- 5. What are you challenging in this petition:
[] How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (explain): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: _____

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):

Petitioner challenges his arrest without a pre-deprivation hearing. Petitioner was released on parole in 2022.

He was then arrested on October 7, 2025 at an ICE check in. Petitioner's detention without a pre-deprivation hearing is a violation of his 5th Amendment rights.

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: _____

The petition relates to 5th Amendment violations so there is no decision to appeal.

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 10/07/2025
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

- Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Date of filing: _____
 - (2) Case number: _____
 - (3) Result: _____
 - (4) Date of result: _____
 - (5) Issues raised: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
 - (2) Date of filing: _____
 - (3) Case number: _____
 - (4) Result: _____
 - (5) Date of result: _____
 - (6) Issues raised: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: _____
 - (b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____
 - (c) Date of filing: _____
 - (d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
 - (e) Result: _____
 - (f) Date of result: _____
 - (g) Issues raised: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

- 13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: Violation of 5th Amendment because Mr. Colina-Meira remains detained without due process.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

Mr Colina-Meira's entered the U.S. in 2022 and was released on parole. He was then arrested on October 7, 2025 during an ICE check in and remains detained at the California City detention facility. Petitioner was not afforded a pre-deprivation hearing prior to being detained which is a violation of his 5th Amendment rights. His prior release meant that the CBP found him not to be a danger to the U.S. nor a flight risk. A pre-deprivation hearing was thus necessary where the burden is on the government to prove he is a danger and a flight risk.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND TWO: July 8, 2025 DHS guidance classifies Petitioner under INA 235 as being bond ineligible and thus subject to mandatory detention without any possibility for release on bond.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

Petitioner entered without inspection in 2022. Prior to July 8, 2025, DHS guidance would have classified Petitioner under INA 236 as being bond eligible. Petitioner should be classified under INA 236 and should be eligible for a release on bond subject to an Immigration Judge's discretion.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND THREE:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND FOUR:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: **An order to immediately release Petitioner from custody; order that Respondents may not re-detain Petitioner without a bond hearing on the merits where the government must prove by clear and convincing evidence that Petitioner is a danger to the community and a flight risk such that physical custody is required. In the alternative, Petitioner asks that the Court order that the immigration judge hold a bond hearing on the merits.**

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 12/02/2025

Sarah J. Colina Moura
Signature of Petitioner

/s/ Sarah S. Brooks
Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any