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December 24, 2025

The Honorable Lawrence J. Vilardo
United States District Judge
Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse
2 Niagara Square
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Castillo v. Freden, et al.
25-CV-01350-LJV

Dear Judge Vilardo:

Petitioner was released a little after noon today, in accordance with this Court's Order. ICE instructed him to follow-up on bond payment on December 30, 2025, because that was the day the non-profit organization posting his bond had already scheduled to be available to post bond in other cases. The immigration judge's bond hearing order is attached, which allows for the use of alternatives to detention in addition to bond.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl. – Immigration court order (2 pages)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
BATAVIA IMMIGRATION COURT

Respondent Name:
GONZALEZ CASTILLO, FELICIANO

To:
Maldonado, Amy
333 Albert Avenue
Suite 390
East Lansing, MI 48823

A-Number:
[redacted]

Riders:
In Custody Redetermination Proceedings

Date:
12/23/2025

ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

The respondent requested a custody redetermination pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1236. After full consideration of the evidence presented, the respondent's request for a change in custody status is hereby ordered:

☐ Denied, because

☑ Granted. It is ordered that Respondent be:
- ☐ released from custody on his own recognizance.
- ☑ released from custody under bond of $ 6,500.00
- ☑ other:

  DHS is authorized to implement any Alternatives to Detention it deems appropriate in its expertise as an additional requirement to the determined bond for release from custody.

  The Court found that DHS did not establish dangerousness or flight risk by clear and convincing evidence. An oral decision summarizing the Court's findings is recorded on the DAR and incorporated by reference and for bond memorandum purposes.

☐ Other:

Immigration Judge: SCHULTZ, ERIC 12/23/2025

Appeal: Department of Homeland Security: ☐ waived ☑ reserved
Respondent: ☑ waived ☐ reserved

Appeal Due: 01/22/2026

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Date: 12/23/2025 By: Campbell, Kristen, Court Staff