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December 16, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

PLINIO DEL JESU
MUNDARAIN, A# 

Petitioner,

VS.

WARDEN GRANT DICKEY, *et al.*

Respondents.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-5970

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Plinio del Jesus Diaz Mundarain is detained in the custody of officials with the United States Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Joe Corley Processing Center. Through counsel, the petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (Dkt. 1) seeking immediate release, along with a motion for injunctive relief (Dkt. 2).

The petitioner states that he is a Venezuelan national; that he entered the United States in 2021; that he has applied for political asylum; that immigration authorities have granted him temporary protected status (TPS) and work authorization; that he was detained on November 14, 2025, and placed in removal proceedings; and that an immigration judge denied his bond request on December 4, 2025, for lack of jurisdiction. He claims that the respondents have not articulated any lawful basis to detain him.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, the respondents are ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** on or before **Friday, December 19, 2025**, at **12:00 noon** why the petitioner should not immediately be released from custody or, in the alternative, be granted a bond hearing before an immigration judge under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) within three days. The petitioner may file a response as soon as possible but no later than **Monday, December 22, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.** The Court will hold a video hearing on **Monday, December 22, 2025**. A separate notice of setting will issue with the time and other instructions.

The Clerk will send a copy of this order to: (1) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Nicholas J. Ganjei, by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Civil Process Clerk, 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002, and by electronic mail to USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov; (2) the United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001; and (3) Warden Grant Dickey, Joe Corley Processing Center, 500 Hilbig Road, Conroe, TX 77301, (936) 521-4000.

The petitioner is directed to immediately provide a copy of this order to all representatives of the respondents with whom he is in contact regarding this case.

The Clerk will provide a copy of this order to the parties.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on December 16, 2025.



GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE