

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-cv-25924-ALTMAN

CLEOFAS GONZALES JUAN,

Petitioner,

v.

GARRETT RIPA, *et al.*,

Respondent.

ORDER

The Petitioner, Cleofas Gonzales Juan, has filed a Petitioner for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his immigration detention in the Krome Detention Center in Miami, Florida. *See* Petition for Habeas Corpus [ECF No. 1]. On January 22, 2026, he filed an Amended Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 [ECF No. 3]. We therefore **ORDER AND ADJUDGE** as follows:

1. Assuming that counsel for the United States of America (“the Respondent”) has not already done so, within **one week** of this Order, the Respondent shall file a written Notice, which shall provide:

- a) the name and address of the attorney at the United States Attorney’s Office to whom this case has been assigned; and
- b) confirmation that this attorney has requested any records that might be relevant to the Petitioner’s claims.

2. By **February 12, 2026**, the Respondent shall file a Response Memorandum of fact and law, explaining *exactly* why the Petition for Habeas Corpus should not be granted. The Response Memorandum must:

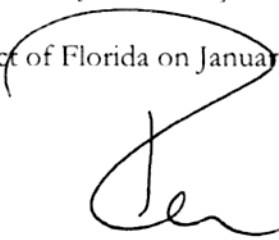
- a) address all of the Petitioner’s claims on the merits, *even if* the Respondent is also asserting procedural defenses to some or all of the claims;
- b) include a procedural history with citations to the corresponding docket numbers in the underlying criminal case;
- c) include a recitation of facts with citations to the corresponding docket numbers in the underlying criminal case;
- d) append all documents and transcripts that might be necessary to resolve the Petition, whether they’re in the Court’s file or not;
- e) be captioned as a “Response” or an “Answer”—not as a motion to dismiss.

3. The Respondent shall address each of the Petitioner’s claims in turn without trying to group or re-organize those claims. The Respondent must include any arguments or defenses to the Petition for Habeas Corpus in its Response. The Respondent **may not** incorporate by reference arguments the Government may have made in the underlying criminal case.

4. Any motion for an extension of time must be case-specific and must explain *why* an extension is necessary.

5. The Petitioner need not file a Reply. But, if the Petitioner does reply, the Petitioner must do so within **fifteen days** from the day on which the Response is filed. Any reply must comply with the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida and may not exceed **ten pages** in length.

6. The Petitioner’s Motion for Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 4] is **DENIED as moot**.
DONE AND ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on January 23, 2026.



ROY K. ALTMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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