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December 22, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

CARLOS HIDALGO FERNANDEZ,
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Petitioner,

VS.

WARDEN GRANT DICKEY, *et al.*

Respondents.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-6088

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Carlos Hidalgo Fernandez 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. The petition and supporting documents state that he is a national and citizen of Cuba; that he entered the United States in 2022; that he has resided continuously in the United States for over three years; that he lives with his spouse and his daughter who is a United States citizen; that he was arrested at an ICE office in October 2025 while complying with reporting requirements; that he was then placed in removal proceedings; and that, on December 2, 2025, an immigration judge denied his request for a bond hearing based on lack of jurisdiction. He claims that he is eligible for a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) but that the respondents have denied him the hearing and are unlawfully subjecting him to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225. He seeks immediate release or, in the

alternative, a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226 within seven days, among other relief.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, the respondents are ordered to **SHOW CAUSE** on or before **Monday, December 29, 2025**, 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 **Wednesday, December 31, 2025**.

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 22, 2025.



GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE