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January 03, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

JOSE GUADALUPE VAZQUEZ §
CORDERO, ██████████ §
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Petitioner, §
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VS. §
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WARDEN, JOE CORLEY PROCESSING §
CENTER, *et al.* §
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Respondents. §

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-6174

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Jose Guadalupe Vazquez Cordero 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 states that Vazquez Cordero is a native and citizen of Mexico; that he entered the United States without inspection in 2018 and has resided here continuously since; that he has no criminal record; and that his common-law wife, biological daughter, and step-daughter are all United States citizens. He claims that his detention is unlawful under the INA, bond regulations, and the Due Process Clause, among other provisions. He seeks immediate release, among other relief.


Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, the respondents are ordered to **SHOW CAUSE within three days** of this order 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 seven days. The petitioner may file a response as soon as possible but no later than **48 hours** after the respondents' filing.

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, 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 30, 2025.



GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE