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PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS: 28 USC §2254 (Rev. 9/10)
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY
A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY

MARTINEZ MUNIZ, ALEJANDRO
PETITIONER
(Full name of Petitioner)

JOE CORLEY PROCESSING CENTER
CURRENT PLACE OF CONFINEMENT

vs.



PRISONER ID NUMBER

WARDEN JOE CORLEY PROCESSING CENTER
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)
KRISTI NOEM, SECRETARY OF DHS

TBD

RESPONDENT
(Name of TDCJ Director, Warden, Jailor, or
authorized person having custody of Petitioner)

CASE NUMBER
(Supplied by the District Court Clerk)

INSTRUCTIONS - READ CAREFULLY

1. The petition must be legibly handwritten or typewritten and signed and dated by the petitioner, under penalty of perjury. Any false statement of an important fact may lead to prosecution for perjury. Answer all questions in the proper space on the form.
2. Additional pages are not allowed except in answer to questions 11 and 20. Do not cite legal authorities. Any additional arguments or facts you want to present must be in a separate memorandum. The petition, including attachments, may not exceed 20 pages.
3. Receipt of the \$5.00 filing fee or a grant of permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* must occur before the court will consider your petition.
4. If you do not have the necessary filing fee, you may ask permission to proceed *in forma pauperis*. To proceed *in forma pauperis*, (1) you must sign the declaration provided with this petition to show that you cannot prepay the fees and costs, and (2) if you are confined in TDCJ-CID, you must send in a certified *In Forma Pauperis* Data Sheet form from the institution in which you are confined. If you are in an institution other than TDCJ-CID, you must send in a certificate completed by an authorized officer at your institution certifying the amount of money you have on deposit at that institution. If you have access or have had access to enough funds to pay the filing fee, then you must pay the filing fee.

5. Only judgments entered by one court may be challenged in a single petition. A separate petition must be filed to challenge a judgment entered by a different state court.
6. Include all of your grounds for relief and all of the facts that support each ground for relief in this petition.
7. Mail the completed petition and one copy to the U. S. District Clerk. The "Venue List" in your unit law library lists all of the federal courts in Texas, their divisions, and the addresses for the clerk's offices. The proper court will be the federal court in the division and district in which you were convicted (for example, a Dallas County conviction is in the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division) or where you are now in custody (for example, the Huntsville units are in the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division).
8. Failure to notify the court of your change of address could result in the dismissal of your case.

PETITION

What are you challenging? (Check all that apply)

- A judgment of conviction or sentence, probation or deferred-adjudication probation. (Answer Questions 1-4, 5-12 & 20-25)
- A parole revocation proceeding. (Answer Questions 1-4, 13-14 & 20-25)
- A disciplinary proceeding. (Answer Questions 1-4, 15-19 & 20-25)
- Other: BOND / CUSTODY (Answer Questions 1-4, 10-11 & 20-25)

All petitioners must answer questions 1-4:

Note: In answering questions 1-4, you must give information about the conviction for the sentence you are presently serving, even if you are challenging a prison disciplinary action. (Note: If you are challenging a prison disciplinary action, do not answer questions 1-4 with information about the disciplinary case. Answer these questions about the conviction for the sentence you are presently serving.) Failure to follow this instruction may result in a delay in processing your case.

1. Name and location of the court (district and county) that entered the judgment of conviction and sentence that you are presently serving or that is under attack: _____

Not applicable. This is a civil immigration detention habeas petition.

2. Date of judgment of conviction: N/A

3. Length of sentence: N/A

4. Identify the docket numbers (if known) and all crimes of which you were convicted that you wish to challenge in this habeas action: N/A

Judgment of Conviction or Sentence, Probation or Deferred-Adjudication Probation:

5. What was your plea? (Check one) Not Guilty Guilty Nolo Contendere

6. Kind of trial: (Check one) Jury Judge Only

7. Did you testify at trial? Yes No

8. Did you appeal the judgment of conviction? Yes No

9. If you did appeal, in what appellate court did you file your direct appeal? _____

_____ Cause Number (if known) _____

What was the result of your direct appeal (affirmed, modified or reversed)? _____

What was the date of that decision? _____

If you filed a petition for discretionary review after the decision of the court of appeals, answer the following:

Grounds raised: _____

Result: _____

Date of result: _____ Cause Number (if known): _____

If you filed a petition for a *writ of certiorari* with the United States Supreme Court, answer the following:

Result: _____

Date of result: _____

10. Other than a direct appeal, have you filed any petitions, applications or motions from this judgment in any court, state or federal? This includes any state applications for a writ of habeas corpus that you may have filed. Yes No

11. If your answer to 10 is "Yes," give the following information:

Name of court: _____

Nature of proceeding: _____

Cause number (if known): _____

Date (month, day and year) you filed the petition, application or motion as shown by a file-stamped date from the particular court: _____

Grounds raised: _____

Date of final decision: _____

What was the decision? _____

Name of court that issued the final decision: _____

As to any second petition, application or motion, give the same information:

Name of court: _____

Nature of proceeding: _____

Cause number (if known): _____

Date (month, day and year) you filed the petition, application or motion as shown by a file-stamped date from the particular court: _____

Grounds raised: _____

Date of final decision: _____

What was the decision? _____

Name of court that issued the final decision: _____

If you have filed more than two petitions, applications, or motions, please attach an additional sheet of paper and give the same information about each petition, application, or motion.

12. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you finish serving the sentence you are attacking in this petition? Yes No

(a) If your answer is "yes," give the name and location of the court that imposed the sentence to be served in the future: _____

(b) Give the date and length of the sentence to be served in the future: _____

- (c) Have you filed, or do you intend to file, any petition attacking the judgment for the sentence you must serve in the future? Yes No

Parole Revocation:

13. Date and location of your parole revocation: _____
14. Have you filed any petitions, applications, or motions in any state or federal court challenging your parole revocation? Yes No

If your answer is "yes," complete Question 11 above regarding your parole revocation.

Disciplinary Proceedings:

15. For your original conviction, was there a finding that you used or exhibited a deadly weapon?
 Yes No
16. Are you eligible for release on mandatory supervision? Yes No
17. Name and location of the TDCJ Unit where you were found guilty of the disciplinary violation:

Disciplinary case number: _____

What was the nature of the disciplinary charge against you? _____

18. Date you were found guilty of the disciplinary violation: _____
- Did you lose previously earned good-time days? Yes No

If your answer is "yes," provide the exact number of previously earned good-time days that were forfeited by the disciplinary hearing officer as a result of your disciplinary hearing:

Identify all other punishment imposed, including the length of any punishment if applicable and any changes in custody status:

19. Did you appeal the finding of guilty through the prison or TDCJ grievance procedure?
 Yes No

If your answer to Question 19 is "yes," answer the following:

Step 1 Result: _____

Date of Result: _____

Step 2 Result: _____

Date of Result: _____

All petitioners must answer the remaining questions:

- 20. For this petition, state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and facts supporting them.

CAUTION: To proceed in the federal court, you must ordinarily first exhaust your available state-court remedies on each ground on which you request action by the federal court. Also, if you fail to set forth all the grounds in this petition, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

A. **GROUND ONE:** _____

SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM & PETITION FOR FULL STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

B. **GROUND TWO:** _____

Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

C. **GROUND THREE:** _____

Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

D. **GROUND FOUR:** _____

Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.):

21. **Relief sought in this petition:** _____

22. Have you previously filed a federal habeas petition attacking the same conviction, parole revocation, or disciplinary proceeding that you are attacking in this petition? Yes No
 If your answer is "yes," give the date on which each petition was filed and the federal court in which it was filed. Also state whether the petition was (a) dismissed without prejudice, (b) dismissed with prejudice or (c) denied.

If you previously filed a federal petition attacking the same conviction and such petition was denied or dismissed with prejudice, did you receive permission from the Fifth Circuit to file a second petition as required by 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3) and (4)? Yes No

23. Are any of the grounds listed in question 20 above presented for the first time in this petition?
 Yes No

If your answer is "yes," state briefly what grounds are presented for the first time and give your reasons for not presenting them to any other court, either state or federal.

24. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending (filed and not yet decided) in any court, either state or federal, for the judgment you are challenging? Yes No

If "yes," identify each type of proceeding that is pending (i.e., direct appeal, art. 11.07 application, or federal habeas petition), the court in which each proceeding is pending, and the date each proceeding was filed.

25. Give the name and address, if you know, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

- (a) At preliminary hearing: ATTORNEY ANNA HOSAIN - IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY AT BOND/ CUSTODY HEARING AND ALL IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS
- (b) At arraignment and plea: _____
- (c) At trial: _____
- (d) At sentencing: _____
- (e) On appeal: _____
- (f) In any post-conviction proceeding: _____

(g) On appeal from any ruling against you in a post-conviction proceeding: _____

Timeliness of Petition:

26. If your judgment of conviction, parole revocation or disciplinary proceeding became final over one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d) does not bar your petition.¹

¹ The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"), as contained in 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d), provides in part that:

- (1) A one-year period of limitation shall apply to an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court. The limitation period shall run from the latest of -
 - (A) the date on which the judgment became final by the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review;
 - (B) the date on which the impediment to filing an application created by State action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from filing by such State action;
 - (C) the date on which the constitutional right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
 - (D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.
- (2) The time during which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection.

Wherefore, petitioner prays that the Court grant him the relief to which he may be entitled.

Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus was placed in the prison mailing system on

DECEMBER 12, 2025 (month, day, year).

Executed (signed) on 12/12/2025 (date).

DETAINED

Signature of Petitioner (required)

Petitioner's current address: WIFE: YANELI MARTIZA ORTEGA

11727 SMITH LANE, HOUSTON, TX 77050

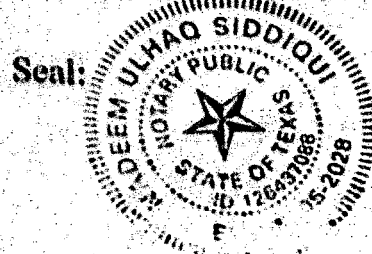
Yaneli Ortega
PETITION SUBMITTED BY WIFE OF PETITIONER
12/12/2025

Acknowledgement

State of Texas §
County of Harris §

This Original instrument was acknowledged before me on this 11TH of Dec, 2025.

Sign: *Nadeem U Siddiqui* -10-
Notary: Nadeem U Siddiqui



and prolonged detention unlawful and ordering Respondents to release Mr. Muniz from their custody.

JURISDICTION

This action arises under the Constitution of the United States, the Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”), 8 U.S.C. § 1101 et. seq., as amended by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (“IIRIRA”), Pub. L. No. 104-208, 110 Stat. 1570. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 2241, art. I, § 9, cl. 2 of the United States Constitution (“Suspension Clause”) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as Petitioner is presently in custody under color of authority of the United States and such custody is in violation of the U.S. Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. This Court may grant relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, and the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1651.

VENUE

Venue lies in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, the judicial district in which Petitioner is detained at the Joe Corley Detention Facility and where Respondents, the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Warden/Officer-in-Charge of the Joe Corley Detention Facility, may be found. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e).

PARTIES

Petitioner Mr. Muniz is a national and citizen of Mexico who has been residing in the United States since approximately 2008. He is married to a U.S. citizen and is the stepfather of four U.S. citizen children. Petitioner Mr. Muniz is currently detained by Respondents pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1231, which authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) to detain aliens

Respondent Warden of the Joe Corley Processing Center in Conroe, Texas, is Petitioner Mr. Muniz's immediate custodian and within the jurisdiction of the United States Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

Respondent Kristi Noem, in her official capacity as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), is the head of the agency responsible for the detention and removal of aliens, including Petitioner Alejandro.

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Mr. Muniz has exhausted his administrative remedies to the extent required by law. He has fully cooperated with Respondents and has not delayed or obstructed his detention. Mr. Muniz's only remedy is by way of this judicial action.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioner Mr. Muniz is a national and citizen of Mexico. He has been living in the United States for almost two decades.

He has a US citizen wife with an approved I-130 as well as four U.S. citizen step children.

Petitioner was arrested after making a 911 call and was charged with making a false claim; however, the charges were later dismissed and no conviction was entered against him.

Upon his release, on November 10, 2025 he was taken into ICE custody and detained at Montgomery Processing Center, immigration center in Conroe, Texas.

He was then transferred to Joe Corley Processing Center on November 21, 2025.

Mr. Muniz has now been in detention for more than one month pending his removal proceedings.

Mr. Muniz is not a danger to the community or a flight risk. He has no pending criminal cases and has no criminal record in his almost two decades of living in the United States.

Mr. Muniz has deep roots in this community. Not only is he close with his wife and step children, he has a close relationship with his nephew as well as his friends in the community. Prior to his arrest, Mr. Muniz was a loving husband and loving father to his four step children who consider them to be their father.

His continued detention deprives his family of his companionship.

Respondents' decision to detain Mr. Muniz is not legally justifiable and is capricious and arbitrary. This is a violation of due process rights under the constitution. There is no better time for the Court to consider the merits of Mr. Muniz's request for release.

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE / EXPEDITED BOND HEARING

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court issue a Temporary Release Order directing Respondents to release him from custody pending the adjudication of this petition, or, in the alternative, to schedule a bond hearing before an immigration judge within seven (7) days of the entry of this order.

Petitioner has strong family and community ties, poses no risk of flight or danger to the community, and has been detained without legal justification. Immediate relief is necessary to prevent irreparable harm to Petitioner and his family.

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

COUNT ONE CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIM

Petitioners' detention violates his right to substantive and procedural due process guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and his rights under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

COUNT TWO STATUTORY CLAIM

Petitioner's continued detention violates 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), other provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and the U.S. Constitution, as it is arbitrary, prolonged, and not justified under law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Petitioner respectfully requests this Court to grant the following:

- (1) Assume jurisdiction over this matter;
- (2) Issue an Order to Show Cause ordering Respondents to show cause why this Petition should not be granted within three days.
- (3) Declare that Petitioner's detention violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and/or 8 U.S.C. §1226(a);
- (4) Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondents to release Petitioner immediately or schedule a bond hearing before an immigration judge within 7 days of this order being granted;
- (5) Grant any further relief this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



Wife of Petitioner

Dated: December 15, 2025



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
CONROE IMMIGRATION COURT**

Respondent Name:

MARTINEZ MUNIZ, ALEJANDRO

To:

Hosain, Anna Asra
5900 Balcones Drive Suite 100 Austin
Austin, TX 78730

A-Number:



Riders:

In Custody Redetermination Proceedings

Date:

12/09/2025

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
No jurisdiction-Applicant for Admission.

- Granted. It is ordered that Respondent be:
 - released from custody on his own recognizance.
 - released from custody under bond of \$
 - other:

- Other:



Immigration Judge: POWELL, ROBERT 12/09/2025

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


Appeal Due: 01/08/2026

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Respondent Name : MARTINEZ MUNIZ, ALEJANDRO | A-Number : 

Riders:

Date: 12/09/2025 By: JAG, Court Staff

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United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
Houston Division
515 Rusk Avenue
Houston, TX 77002

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

Re: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus – Alejandro Martinez Muniz

Dear Clerk of Court:

Enclosed please find a pro se Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, filed on behalf of Petitioner Alejandro Martinez Muniz along with the \$5.00 filing fee by personal check.

Please file the enclosed petition and assign a case number. Please kindly mail any correspondence to the following address:

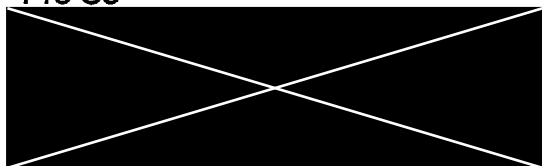

 or email 

Thank you for your assistance. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Yaneli Ortega
Wife of Alejandro Martinez Muniz
Pro Se



United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk *Alan Cassidy*

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
ADOPTION OF STANDARD FORM	§	GENERAL ORDER NO. 2010 - 12
FOR FILING PETITION FOR	§	
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS	§	
UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254	§	

ORDER

The Judges of the Southern District of Texas, having considered the use of a form to be employed by persons seeking a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, hereby adopt the attached Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody as a form available for said use.

Signed at McAllen, Texas this 23rd day of November, 2010.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa

RICARDO H. HINOJOSA
CHIEF JUDGE