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January 08, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

MAYRA ALEJANDRA ZAMBRANO §
NAVARRETE, A# [REDACTED] §

Petitioner, §

VS. §

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-6278

WARDEN RANDALL TATE, Montgomery §
Processing Center, *et al.* §

Respondents. §

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Mayra Alejandra Zambrano Navarrete is detained in the custody of officials with the United States Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Montgomery Processing Center. Through counsel, the petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (Dkt. 1).

The petitioner states that she is a native and citizen of Colombia; that she entered the United States in 2022 and was released on her own recognizance; that her application for political asylum was denied in 2024 and her appeal from the denial remains pending; and that ICE officials took her into custody and detained her on December 23, 2025, when she appeared at ICE offices for a supervision appointment. She claims that her detention is unlawful and seeks immediate release or a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), 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 Randall Tate, Montgomery Processing Center, 816 Hilbig Road, Conroe, TX 77301, (936) 520-5700.

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

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

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on _____ January 6 _____, 2026.



GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE