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January 08, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

RAMIRO MARTINEZ DIAZ,



Petitioner,

VS.

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

Respondents.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-6354

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Ramiro Martinez Diaz 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 he is a native and citizen of Mexico; that he was placed in removal proceedings in 2020 following a conviction for failure to stop and give information; that ICE officials released him on his own recognizance and required him to report periodically to ICE; that he appealed his removal case to the Board of Immigration Appeals on October 22, 2024, and the case has yet to be briefed; and that ICE officials took him into custody on December 15, 2025, when he appeared at ICE offices for a scheduled appointment. He claims that his 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 he 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