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January 13, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

EVARISTA BLANCA GUZMAN §
MARTINEZ, [REDACTED] §

Petitioner, §

VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-6363

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

Respondents. §

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Evarista Blanca Guzman Martinez is detained in the custody of officials with 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 citizen of Mexico; that she entered the United States in 2004, over 21 years ago; that she was apprehended by immigration authorities and detained on November 12, 2025, and was placed in removal proceedings; that on December 30, 2025, and immigration judge denied her request for bond on the grounds that she is subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b); and that she has no previous immigration history or encounters. She argues that her detention is unlawful because 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b) does not authorize her detention. She seeks release from

custody within one day or a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) within seven days, 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 within **two days** of the respondents' filing.

The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, Nicholas J. Ganjei, by electronic mail to USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov.

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 13, 2026.



GEORGE C. HANKS, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE