

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the

FILED
Dec 26 2025
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BY *danielmartinez* DEPUTY

Clifton Fernandes
Petitioner

v.

OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT
Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

'25CV3813 JLS MSB

Case No. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

- (a) Your full name: *Clifton Fernandes*
- (b) Other names you have used: *NIA*
- Place of confinement:
 - Name of institution: *CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA*
 - Address: *OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE SAN DIEGO CA 92154*
 - Your identification number: _____
- Are you currently being held on orders by:

Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain: _____
- Are you currently:

A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)

Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime

If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:

 - Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
 - Docket number of criminal case: _____
 - Date of sentencing: _____

Being held on an immigration charge

Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

- What are you challenging in this petition:

How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (explain): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:
- (a) Name and location of the agency or court: OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT
7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO CA 92154
- (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [REDACTED]
- (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):
After been detainee for 5 months I had Applied for bond hearing but the Immigration Judge denied my bond because he dont have the right to give me bond.
- (d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

- Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: Because I never knew that I can appeal the Judge decision and even my lawyer never told me nor the Judge asked me if I want to appeal.

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

- Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

N/A

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes

No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

N/A

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes

No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes

No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

- Yes
- No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Case number: _____
- (3) Date of filing: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

- Yes
- No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 01/07/2025
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 11/21/2025
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

- Yes
- No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Date of filing: December 2025
- (2) Case number: [REDACTED]
- (3) Result: Pending
- (4) Date of result: Pending
- (5) Issues raised: Because I never agreed with the Judge decision on my case

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: _____
- (2) Date of filing: _____
- (3) Case number: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: _____
- (b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____
- (c) Date of filing: _____
- (d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
- (e) Result: _____
- (f) Date of result: _____
- (g) Issues raised: _____

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: I am been detained for 1 year (one year)

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

I had crossed the border on 01/06/2025 and after been detained for almost 3 months they gave me an Asylum interview on the 1st of April. and they never find my translator of my native language. and I dont wanted to do in any other language. and after I applied for bond and the Judge denied my bond

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

GROUND TWO: I have been detained for a year and I can't stay no longer in detention. and I am scared that I may go mentally crazy by the thoughts and the situation im going thru. and also I can't call my mother, the only one in my family and it is difficult for me

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

It is difficult for me to stay in here and I had never stayed in prison before because I never committed and crime and I am been detained for 1 year with the terrible food which they give and mental touches crazyness, people fight every day with each other in the place i am stay. and I have no money to call my mother, ~~not~~ nor to buy food or phone call.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

GROUND THREE:

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

GROUND FOUR:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: *I humbly ask the court to help me to get out of this prison on parole or bond so that I can continue my case civil with peace of mind, good food, talk to my mother and my religion which I can't practice in my country and freedom and good health good sleep.*

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 12/23/2025



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

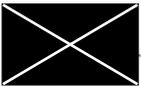
MY DETENTION DECLARATION

TO THE HONORABLE Judge

 My name is CLIFTON BERNANDES, I am from INDIA I was born on 2004. I lefted my country due to the danger I was facing with my family in India and continues to face and I entered the united state illegally just to safe my life, I had cross the boarder on 01/06/2025 and I was detained in san diego otay mesa detention center. When I arrived at this detention so many people were getting release after a month of my detain they stop releasing people and they ICE officers said everyone need to finish their case here in the detentiion which I was not ready for it After being detaine for 3 months I was interviewed by an asylum officer and they conldn't find my language translator the next day I received a court date it was on the 14 of april since then the could not find my translator and they keep swicting my judge because of translation and the judges never find my translator and later after that I apply for a bond hearing on 05/30/2025 but my bond was denied by the immigration judge that they never had the right to give me a bond. After that I was very stressed up because of my situation at that time I was going crazy I could not sleep at night nor even I couldn't call my mom because I had no money for food and I was depress because thing never went the way I wanted the detained me for 7 months without all translator and I had to change my language to hindi which I never speak at home, after that the judge gave me an individua after 3 month and my judge never show up at individual and it was change again to another two weeks ahead. 2 days to my individual the judge call me lawyer said he wanted to pospone my individual to another 3 months but I said I never wanted to wait and I had to take the final but unfortunelley it never work out for me and I can't go back home and I am force to appeal the decision and now am humbilly begging the judge to help me get out from here on parole or bond and continuel fighting my case out of detention

THANK YOU

12/23/2025



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
NOTICE TO APPEAR

Subject to Securing the Border (SB)

In removal proceedings under section 240 of the Immigration and Nationality Act:

In the Matter of:

File No:



Respondent: CLIFTON FERNANDES

currently residing at:

OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER, 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO CA, 921540000

619-661-4071

(Number, street, city, state and ZIP code)

(Area code and phone number)

- You are an arriving alien.
- You are an alien present in the United States who has not been admitted or paroled.
- You have been admitted to the United States, but are removable for the reasons stated below.

The Department of Homeland Security alleges that you:

1. You are not a citizen or national of the United States;
2. You are a native of India and a citizen of INDIA;
3. You entered the United States at an unknown location on or about 2025-01-06;
4. You did not then possess or present a valid immigrant visa, reentry permit, border crossing identification card, or other valid entry document;
5. You were not then admitted or paroled after inspection by an Immigration Officer.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is charged that you are subject to removal from the United States pursuant to the following provision(s) of law:

Section 212(a)(7)(A)(i)(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act), as amended, as an immigrant who, at the time of application for admission, is not in possession of a valid unexpired immigrant visa, reentry permit, border crossing card, or other valid entry document required by the Act, and a valid unexpired passport, or other suitable travel document, or document of identity and nationality as required under the regulations issued by the Attorney General under section 211(a) of the Act.

Section 212(a)(6)(A)(i) of the Act, as amended, as an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who has arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General.

- This notice is being issued after an asylum officer has found that the respondent has demonstrated a credible fear of persecution or torture.
- Section 235(b)(1) order was vacated pursuant to: 8CFR 208.30 8CFR 235.3(b)(5)(iv)

YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before an immigration judge of the United States Department of Justice at:

7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA, 92154
(Complete Address of Immigration Court, including Room Number, if any)

on 04-14-2025 at 08:00AM to show why you should not be removed from the United States based on the
(Date) (Time)

charge(s) set forth above.

R. Jeng, SAO
Supervisory Asylum Officer
(Signature and Title of Issuing Officer)

Date: 04-03-2025

Tustin, CA
(City and State)

Notice to Respondent

Warning: Any statement you make may be used against you in removal proceedings. Alien Registration: This copy of the Notice to Appear served upon you is evidence of your alien registration while you are in removal proceedings. You are required to carry it with you at all times.

Representation: If you so choose, you may be represented in this proceeding, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other individual authorized and qualified to represent persons before the Executive Office for Immigration Review, pursuant to 8 CFR 1003.16. Unless you so request, no hearing will be scheduled earlier than ten days from the date of this notice, to allow you sufficient time to secure counsel. A list of qualified attorneys and organizations who may be available to represent you at no cost will be provided with this notice.

Conduct of the hearing: At the time of your hearing, you should bring with you any affidavits or other documents that you desire to have considered in connection with your case. If you wish to have the testimony of any witnesses considered, you should arrange to have such witnesses present at the hearing. At your hearing you will be given the opportunity to admit or deny any or all of the allegations in the Notice to Appear, including that you are inadmissible or removable. You will have an opportunity to present evidence on your own behalf, to examine any evidence presented by the Government, to object, on proper legal grounds, to the receipt of evidence and to cross examine any witnesses presented by the Government. At the conclusion of your hearing, you have a right to appeal an adverse decision by the immigration judge. You will be advised by the immigration judge before whom you appear of any relief from removal for which you may appear eligible including the privilege of voluntary departure. You will be given a reasonable opportunity to make any such application to the immigration judge.

One-Year Asylum Application Deadline: If you believe you may be eligible for asylum, you must file a Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. The Form I-589, Instructions, and information on where to file the Form can be found at www.uscis.gov/i-589. Failure to file the Form I-589 within one year of arrival may bar you from eligibility to apply for asylum pursuant to section 208(a)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Failure to appear: You are required to provide the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in writing, with your full mailing address and telephone number. You must notify the Immigration Court and the DHS immediately by using Form EOIR-33 whenever you change your address or telephone number during the course of this proceeding. You will be provided with a copy of this form. Notices of hearing will be mailed to this address. If you do not submit Form EOIR-33 and do not otherwise provide an address at which you may be reached during proceedings, then the Government shall not be required to provide you with written notice of your hearing. If you fail to attend the hearing at the time and place designated on this notice, or any date and time later directed by the Immigration Court, a removal order may be made by the immigration judge in your absence, and you may be arrested and detained by the DHS.

Mandatory Duty to Surrender for Removal: If you become subject to a final order of removal, you must surrender for removal to your local DHS office, listed on the internet at http://www.ice.gov/contact/ero, as directed by the DHS and required by statute and regulation. Immigration regulations at 8 CFR 1241.1 define when the removal order becomes administratively final. If you are granted voluntary departure and fail to depart the United States as required, fail to post a bond in connection with voluntary departure, or fail to comply with any other condition or term in connection with voluntary departure, you must surrender for removal on the next business day thereafter. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you will be ineligible for all forms of discretionary relief for as long as you remain in the United States and for ten years after your departure or removal. This means you will be ineligible for asylum, cancellation of removal, voluntary departure, adjustment of status, change of nonimmigrant status, registry, and related waivers for this period. If you do not surrender for removal as required, you may also be criminally prosecuted under section 243 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

U.S. Citizenship Claims: If you believe you are a United States citizen, please advise the DHS by calling the ICE Law Enforcement Support Center toll free at (855) 448-6903.

Sensitive locations: To the extent that an enforcement action leading to a removal proceeding was taken against Respondent at a location described in 8 U.S.C. § 1229(e)(1), such action complied with 8 U.S.C. § 1367.

Upon information and belief, the language that the alien understands is KONKANI

Request for Prompt Hearing

To expedite a determination in my case, I request this Notice to Appear be filed with the Executive Office for Immigration Review as soon as possible. I waive my right to a 10-day period prior to appearing before an immigration judge and request my hearing be scheduled.

Before: (Signature of Respondent) Date: (Signature and Title of Immigration Officer)

Certificate of Service

This Notice To Appear was served on the respondent by me on 04-03-2025, in the following manner and in compliance with section 239(a)(1) of the Act.

- in person by certified mail, returned receipt # requested by regular mail
Attached is a credible fear worksheet.
Attached is a list of organization and attorneys which provide free legal services.

The alien was provided oral notice in the ENGLISH language of the time and place of his or her hearing and of the consequences of failure to appear as provided in section 240(b)(7) of the Act.

(Signature of Respondent if Personally Served) T. Mendoza DO (Signature and Title of officer)

Privacy Act Statement

Authority:

The Department of Homeland Security through U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) are authorized to collect the information requested on this form pursuant to Sections 103, 237, 239, 240, and 290 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended (8 U.S.C. 1103, 1229, 1229a, and 1360), and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

Purpose:

You are being asked to sign and date this Notice to Appear (NTA) as an acknowledgement of personal receipt of this notice. This notice, when filed with the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), initiates removal proceedings. The NTA contains information regarding the nature of the proceedings against you, the legal authority under which proceedings are conducted, the acts or conduct alleged against you to be in violation of law, the charges against you, and the statutory provisions alleged to have been violated. The NTA also includes information about the conduct of the removal hearing, your right to representation at no expense to the government, the requirement to inform EOIR of any change in address, the consequences for failing to appear, and that generally, if you wish to apply for asylum, you must do so within one year of your arrival in the United States. If you choose to sign and date the NTA, that information will be used to confirm that you received it, and for recordkeeping.

Routine Uses:

For United States Citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, or individuals whose records are covered by the Judicial Redress Act of 2015 (5 U.S.C. § 552a note), your information may be disclosed in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b), including pursuant to the routine uses published in the following DHS systems of records notices (SORN): DHS/USCIS/ICE/CBP-001 Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System of Records, DHS/USCIS-007 Benefit Information System, DHS/ICE-011 Criminal Arrest Records and Immigration Enforcement Records (CARIER), and DHS/ICE-003 General Counsel Electronic Management System (GEMS), and DHS/CBP-023 Border Patrol Enforcement Records (BPER). These SORNs can be viewed at <https://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-sorn>. When disclosed to the DOJ's EOIR for immigration proceedings, this information that is maintained and used by DOJ is covered by the following DOJ SORN: EOIR-001, Records and Management Information System, or any updated or successor SORN, which can be viewed at <https://www.justice.gov/opcl/doj-systems-records>. Further, your information may be disclosed pursuant to routine uses described in the abovementioned DHS SORNs or DOJ EOIR SORN to federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and foreign law enforcement agencies for enforcement, investigatory, litigation, or other similar purposes.

For all others, as appropriate under United States law and DHS policy, the information you provide may be shared internally within DHS, as well as with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, and foreign law enforcement; other government agencies; and other parties for enforcement, investigatory, litigation, or other similar purposes.

Disclosure:

Providing your signature and the date of your signature is voluntary. There are no effects on you for not providing your signature and date; however, removal proceedings may continue notwithstanding the failure or refusal to provide this information.



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Applicant: CLIFTON FERNANDES



Officer: M Duffy

Interview Date: Apr 1, 2025

Interview Notes

DOB: 2004- Age 20)

Sex: **Male**

Country of Birth: **India**

Nationality: **INDIA**

Entry Date: **2025-01-06**

Port of Entry: **UNKNOWN**

Apprehension Date: **2025-01-07**

Detention Status: **Detained**

All SB CF referral documents received and complete (I-860, I-213, "subject to proclamation" and receipt of CF Interview Sheet indicated on I-213 or G-166C)

Introduction

Begin Interview

Interview Start Time

10:05 AM

Detention Officer confirmed A# of alien being interviewed.

Interpreter and Oath

Interpreter Participation

USCIS Interpreter

Interpreter(s) Under Oath

Interpreter has Form I-870SB

Following asked by Hindi interpreter.

Q: Good morning, I am the asylum officer conducting your interview today. I have a Hindi interpreter on the phone to help us communicate.

A: (Interpreter unable to understand alien. Believe he is speaking a dialect or different language)

Q: What language do you speak?

A: **Konkani**

Q: Do you speak any other language?

A: **No, a little bit of English.**



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Applicant: CLIFTON FERNANDES

A #



Officer: M Duffy

Interview Date: Apr 1, 2025

Q: So you don't speak Hindi?

A: No

Q: What is your native language?

A: Konkani

Q: What language did you speak at home as a child?

A: Konkani

Q: What language were you instructed in at school?

A: Konkani

Q: What language would you like to do this interview in?

A: Konkani

Disconnected with Hindi interpreter. Attempting to get Konkani interpreter.

Following asked in English.

Q: What language do you speak?

A: Konkani

Q: Do you speak any other language besides Konkani?

A: No. Little English

Q: How were you able to communicate with the Border Patrol or ICE officers?

A: No Border Patrol. I speak, no.

Q: What is your native language?

A: Konkani

Q: What language did you speak at home as a child?

A: Konkani

Q: What language were you instructed in at school?

A: Konkani

SAO Tseng advised of language issue. SAO advised to issue a Language Access NTA.



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Applicant: CLIFTON FERNANDES

IR#: 

Officer: M Duffy

Interview Date: Apr 1, 2025

Q: I cannot find an interpreter. You can hang up the phone and let the officer you are done with the interview.

A: (Unable to understand alien)

End Interview

Interview End Time

10:33 AM

- * Non-Profit Organization
- ** Referral Service
- *** Private Attorney

List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers
<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>

Updated April 2025

Otay Mesa Immigration Court

Otay Mesa, California (page 1 of 2)	
<p>Jewish Family Service of San Diego*</p> <p>8788 Balboa Avenue San Diego, CA 92123 Tel: (858) 637-3365 Fax: (858) 637-3011 immigration@jfssd.org www.jfssd.org/site/PageServer?pagename=programs_refugee_main</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please leave a voicemail any time day or night. Calls returned in the order received. If currently detained and you reach our voicemail, leave your full name and A-number in a voicemail and we will schedule a meeting in person or remote. Specialize in Bond Hearings, Removal Defense, Cancellation of Removal, Asylum, Withholding of Removal, UN Convention Against Torture, Adjustment of Status, VAWA, U Visa, SIJS and T visa. Languages: Spanish and multilingual interpretation may be available 	<p>American Bar Association Detention and LOP Information Line**</p> <p>immcenter@americanbar.org www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/immigration/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro se case assistance for detained respondents only Dial 2150# from the detention center To contact on behalf of a detained individual, email immcenter@americanbar.org. The American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Detention and LOP Information Line is not available to provide free legal services for individuals scheduled for Credible Fear Interviews and/or Asylum Merits Interviews
<p>Al Otro Lado*</p> <p>634 S. Spring Street, Suite 908 Los Angeles, CA 90014 Tel: (323) 238-9935 info@alotrolado.org www.alotrolado.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asylum, WOR, CAT, Defensive VAWA, T Visa, U Visa, Cancellation, and Bond; Please call and leave a message to schedule an appointment Languages: Spanish, English, and others with interpretation services 	<p>Casa Cornelia Law Center*</p> <p>Post Office Box 12666 San Diego, CA 92112 Tel: (619) 231-7788 Fax: (619) 231-7784 www.casacornelia.org services@casacornelia.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services include: Asylum, Withholding of Removal, UN Convention Against Torture, Defensive VAWA, U, T Visas, and SIJS, Bond Hearings. Focus on asylum seekers, and victims of serious crime. Will accept detained cases Call for assistance Languages: Spanish; multilingual interpretation may be available.

Individuals must contact the providers on this list directly to request legal services. Although the providers on this list offer pro bono (free) legal representation, they may not have the capacity at this time to accept new cases.

Disclaimer: As required by 8 C.F.R. § 1003.61, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Office of Policy, maintains a list of organizations and attorneys qualified under the regulations who provide pro bono or free legal services. The information posted on the list is provided to EOIR by the Providers. EOIR does not endorse any of these organizations or attorneys. Additionally, EOIR does not participate in, nor is it responsible for, the representation decisions or performance of the organizations or attorneys.

- * Non-Profit Organization
- ** Referral Service
- *** Private Attorney

List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers
<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>

Updated April 2025

Otay Mesa Immigration Court

Otay Mesa, California (page 2 of 2)	
<p>ABA Immigration Justice Project*</p> <p>2727 Camino del Rio South, Suite 320 San Diego, CA 92108 Tel: (619) 255-8810 Fax: (619) 255-8849 contact@abaijp.org www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/immigration/projects_initiatives/immigration_justice_project_ijp_of_san_diego.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services limited to San Diego, CA Office is not open to the public, please call for appointment 	<p>Southern California Immigration Project*</p> <p>2534 State Street, Suite 208 San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: (619) 516-8119 sparacoscip@gmail.com www.socalimmigrationproject.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African countries preferred Asylum cases only, including LGBTQ No hablamos español
<p>Immigrant Defenders Law Center*</p> <p>303 A Street, Suite 305 San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: (213) 314-0701 Fax: (213) 282-3133 sdinfo@immdef.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be low income No walk-ins, appointment only Languages: Spanish and other languages available upon request 	<p>Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (IRLDP) - San Diego County Public Defender*</p> <p>451 A Street, Suite 1450 San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: (619) 446-2883 oac@sdcounty.ca.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal defense cases only

Individuals must contact the providers on this list directly to request legal services. Although the providers on this list offer pro bono (free) legal representation, they may not have the capacity at this time to accept new cases.

Disclaimer: As required by 8 C.F.R. § 1003.61, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Office of Policy, maintains a list of organizations and attorneys qualified under the regulations who provide pro bono or free legal services. The information posted on the list is provided to EOIR by the Providers. EOIR does not endorse any of these organizations or attorneys. Additionally, EOIR does not participate in, nor is it responsible for, the representation decisions or performance of the organizations or attorneys.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

Respondent Name:

FERNANDES, CLIFTON

To:

Eck, Gregory J
232 Sunny Isles Blvd
Floor 7
Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160

A-Number:



Riders:

In Custody Redetermination Proceedings

Date:

05/30/2025

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

The court lacks jurisdiction for bond. The respondent is within the class of aliens described in Matter of Q. Li, 29 I&N Dec. 66 (BIA 2025) and Matter of M-S-, 27 I&N Dec. 509 (A.G. 2019).

Granted. It is ordered that Respondent be:

- released from custody on his own recognizance.
- released from custody under bond of \$
- other:

Other:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: 
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Apr 14, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE:  FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Apr 17, 2025
Time: 08:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Apr 22, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED] FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Apr 28, 2025
Time: 08:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Apr 23, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED] FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: May 5, 2025
Time: 08:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Jun 5, 2025

TO:

FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

**PLEASE NOTE NEW HEARING DATE*

RE: [REDACTED] FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Jun 11, 2025
Time: 08:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: May 15, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED] FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Jun 12, 2025
Time: 1:00 P.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: 
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Jun 20, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE:  FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Jun 24, 2025
Time: 10:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Jun 25, 2025

TO:

FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED]

FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Jul 3, 2025
Time: 1:00 P.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Jul 3, 2025

TO:

FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED]

FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Jul 22, 2025
Time: 08:00 A.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT

LEAD FILE: [REDACTED]
IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS
DATE: Jul 18, 2025

TO:
FERNANDES, CLIFTON
C/O DAVID CORDERO
DHS CUSTODY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

RE: [REDACTED] FERNANDES, CLIFTON

Notice of In-Person Hearing

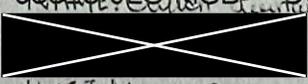
Your case has been scheduled for a MASTER hearing before the immigration court on:

Date: Aug 7, 2025
Time: 1:00 P.M. PT
Court Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92154

Representation: You may be represented in these proceedings, at no expense to the Government, by an attorney or other representative of your choice who is authorized and qualified to represent persons before an immigration court. If you are represented, your attorney or representative must also appear at your hearing and be ready to proceed with your case. Enclosed and online at <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers> is a list of free legal service providers who may be able to assist you.

Failure to Appear: If you fail to appear at your hearing and the Department of Homeland Security establishes by clear, unequivocal, and convincing evidence that written notice of your hearing was provided and that you are removable, you will be ordered removed from the United States. Exceptions to these rules are only for exceptional circumstances.

Change of Address: The court will send all correspondence, including hearing notices, to you based on the most recent contact information you have provided, and your immigration proceedings can go forward in your absence if you do not appear before the court. If your contact information is missing or is incorrect on the Notice to Appear, you must provide the immigration court with your updated contact information within five days of receipt of that notice so you do not miss important information. Each time your address, telephone number, or email address changes, you must inform the immigration court within five days. To update your contact information with the immigration court, you must complete a Form EOIR-33 either online at <https://respondentaccess.eoir.justice.gov/en/> or by completing the enclosed paper form and mailing it to the immigration court listed above.



UNIT H-205

POTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER

PO BOX 439049

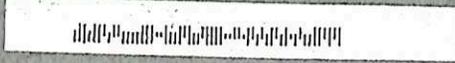
SAN DIEGO, CA 92143



MIS PRAC 92191 ZIP
WED 24 DEC 2025

Only in the Potomac Center
This is not a return address for the
submit to the hands of this package.

RECEIVED
DEC 26 2025
SOUTHERN
BY



RECEIVED

U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE

Attn: Jo: US DISTRICT COURT,
SOUTHERN OF CALIFORNIA
333 WEST BROADWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

