

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

LUIS GERMAN ESPINAL TORREZ,

*Petitioner,*

v.

BRIAN MCSHANE *et al.*,

*Respondents.*

CIVIL ACTION

No. 26-49

**JOINT STATUS UPDATE REGARDING  
PETITIONER'S VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE**

On February 9, 2026, the Court granted Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordered the parties to "provide the Court with a status update concerning the results of any bond hearing conducted pursuant to this Order, or if no bond hearing was held, advise the Court regarding Petitioner's release." Dkt. No. 5 at 3. The Court further ordered that "the parties shall advise the Court whether any additional proceedings in this matter are required and submit any proposals for the scope of further litigation." *Id.*

The parties advise that, on February 17, 2026, an Immigration Judge entered an order finding that Petitioner's bond request was withdrawn because "Petitioner elected to take voluntary departure under safeguards." Accordingly, the parties respectfully submit that no additional proceedings in this matter are required and that this case may be closed.

Dated: February 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this date, I filed the foregoing Joint Status Update via the Court's CM/ECF System, thereby making it available for viewing and download for all parties to the case.

Dated: February 19, 2026

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