

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

FRANCISCO ESCALON ORTEGA,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 0:26-cv-00080-JRT-DJF

SAMUEL OLSON, Director St. Paul
Field Office, U.S. Immigration and Customs
Enforcement; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary
of Homeland Security; and PAMELA
BONDI, Attorney General of the U.S.,
in their official capacities,

Respondents.

NOTICE TO THE COURT

Petitioner files the following notice to the Court regarding the instant case. As stated in Assistant U.S. Attorney Lucas B. Draisey's letter to the Court (Dkt. 15), the Honorable John Tunheim ordered Federal Respondents to return Petitioner to the District of Minnesota no later than January 24, 2026 to be immediately released from custody. This order was issued after Respondents failed to transport Petitioner back to Minnesota in anticipation of his scheduled bond hearing before the Immigration Judge. As of January 26, 2026 at 5:40 p.m., Petitioner remains in ICE custody in New Mexico. Respondents did not transport Petitioner back to Minnesota in advance of his bond hearing, as initially ordered by this Court, and have now again violated the Court's order by keeping him in custody in New Mexico. The violations of this Court's orders have caused significant harm to Petitioner and his family as he remains unlawfully detained. Petitioner respectfully requests the following from this Court:

- 1) Find Respondents in contempt of this Court Order;
- 2) Impose sanctions against Respondents in this case;

- 3) Issue financial compensation to Petitioner for the harm he has suffered due to Respondents' failure to comply with Court orders;
- 4) Find the ongoing deprivation of Petitioner's liberty and rights; and
- 5) Order any other relief this Court deems proper.

Petitioner appreciates your kind and prompt attention to this matter.

Dated: January 26, 2026

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