

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00080-PAB

DAYAN HERNANDEZ CASTELLANO,

Petitioner,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,  
KRISTI NOEM, Secretary U.S. Dept. Homeland Security, in her official capacity,  
TODD LYONS, Director Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in his official capacity,  
PAMELA BONDI, U.S. Attorney General, in her official capacity,  
JUAN BALTASAR, Warden, Denver Contract Detention, in his official capacity,

Respondents.

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**STATUS REPORT**

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The Court granted Petitioner's petition for a writ of habeas corpus and ordered Respondents to release him within 48 hours of the Court's order and to file a status report within 24 hours of Petitioner's release. See ECF No. 12 at 11. The Court's order granting the writ was served on undersigned's office at about 4:30 p.m. on February 19, 2026. Petitioner was released before 2 p.m. this afternoon on February 20, 2026.

Dated: February 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 20, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following recipients by e-mail:

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