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January 09, 2026
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UMARJON BABAEV,
A [REDACTED] Petitioner,

VS.

KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,

Respondents.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. H-26-113

ORDER TO TRANSFER


Petitioner, Umarjon Babaev (A [REDACTED]), is a detainee in the custody of United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") officials at the Eden Detention Center, which is in Concho County, Texas. Through counsel, Babaev filed a submission he entitled "Plaintiff's Original Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief," but his claim regarding his continued detention sounds in habeas corpus. Trump v. J.G.G., 145 S. Ct. 1003, 1005 (2025) (explaining that a claim necessarily implying the invalidity of confinement falls within the "'core' of the writ of habeas and thus must be brought in habeas"). Jurisdiction for such a case "'lies in only one district: the district of confinement.'" Id. at 1005-06 (quoting Rumsfeld v. Padilla, 124 S. Ct. 2711, 2722 (2004)).

The Eden Detention Center is in Concho County, Texas and is within the San Angelo Division of the Northern District of Texas. See 28 U.S.C. § 124(a)(4). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that this case be **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, San Angelo Division, where the petitioner is confined. The petitioner is instructed to file any new documents or pleadings in the new case in the San Angelo Division, under the new number assigned after transfer.

The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order and the entire file to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, San Angelo Division, and provide a copy of this order to the petitioner by mail with a delivery tracking system.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on this 9TH day of January, 2026.


EWING WERLEIN, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE