

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Civil No. 0:26-cv-00216-JWB-SGE

ESTEFANY JOHANNA SANCHEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, *et al.*,

Respondents.

**RESPONSE TO ORDER TO
SHOW CAUSE**

Counsel for the Respondents hereby files this Response to the Court's Order (Dkt. 8), Order to Show Cause (Dkt. 9) and the Court's follow-up Order for Show Cause Hearing (Dkt. 12). The undersigned counsel takes full responsibility for the failure to respond to the Court's Orders. The undersigned requests the Court, Counsel's, and Petitioner's forgiveness for this error, which, as explained in more detail below, was unintentional.

The Petition in this case was filed at 12:03:35 AM CST on January 13, 2026. Standard operating procedure in this district for habeas matters allows the Clerk of Court to complete service of the Petition on the United States via addition of the undersigned Civil Chief to the ECF docket. That occurred in this case, and the undersigned counsel avers that the ECF notice of the Petition was delivered to me by email on January 13, 2026 at 8:44 a.m.

At 10:50 a.m. on January 13, 2026, this Court issued its first Order (Dkt. 8). The undersigned confirms that this order was received via email. There were no other attorneys on record for the United States at that time. On January 13, 2026 at 5:11 P.M., this Court issued its Order to Show Cause (Dkt. 9). Again, the undersigned confirms that this order

was received via email, and that the undersigned was the only counsel on record for the United States.

The undersigned takes very seriously the obligation to honor every Order of this Court and endeavors to do so promptly and in good faith. I did not timely read these orders, and I did not send them to the Respondents. I understand that is inexcusable.

By way of explanation, not excuse, I offer the Court the following. On January 13, 2026, I received 523 emails, more than 50 of which were ECF notices of Court Orders. The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota has received an unprecedented influx of habeas cases for this district since the beginning of 2026, opening more than 107 immigration habeas cases since January 1, 2026. It has become apparent to me that I am not able to effectively triage and review every order, which is not an acceptable standard of practice for me or the United States. I do not believe that my mistake in this instance is part of a larger pattern. But, it is clear that our current procedures for reviewing, inputting, and assigning habeas cases and the Court's Orders in these cases must adjust to the drastically increasing volume, and I commit to doing that.

I reported the Court's Order and this sequence of events to the United States Attorney before filing this response. The Respondents were not aware of this Court's Orders. I respectfully request that this Court accept my apology and find there was no bad faith or intent behind my failure to follow Orders 8 and 9.

(signature page to follow)

Dated: January 14, 2026

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