

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Middle District of Florida

DANIEL CASTILLO CEPERO

Petitioner

v.

David Hardin, Glade County Sheriff; Garret J. Ripa,
Area Field Office Director of ICE; and, Todd M. Lyons,
ICE Director.

Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. 2:26-cv-53
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

- 1. (a) Your full name: DANIEL CASTILLO CEPERO
(b) Other names you have used:
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: GLADES COUNTY DETENTION CENTER
(b) Address: 1279 EAST SR 78, MOORE HAVEN, FL 33471
(c) Your identification number:
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
[X] Federal authorities [ ] State authorities [ ] Other - explain:
4. Are you currently:
[ ] A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
[ ] Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced you:
(b) Docket number of criminal case:
(c) Date of sentencing:
[X] Being held on an immigration charge
[ ] Other (explain):

Decision or Action You Are Challenging


- 5. What are you challenging in this petition:
[ ] How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- Pretrial detention
- Immigration detention
- Detainer
- The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: Miami Krome Immigration Court

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):  
Immigration Court's Denial of a Bond Hearing based on Lack of Jurisdiction.

(d) Date of the decision or action: 12/12/2025

**Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action**

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

- Yes
- No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

- Yes
- No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes  No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes  No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes  No

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If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes  No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes

No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Case number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(6) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

Yes

No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Date of result: \_\_\_\_\_

(g) Issues raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition**

- 13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

**GROUND ONE:** Respondent is detained under 1226 (a), not 1225 (b), Respondent was not "arriving" or "seeking admission" when he was arrested since Respondent is not a recent entrant. Respondent's continued detention without Bond violates the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

Respondent was detained while attending ICE appointment in Miramar, FL.

Respondent's Mother is a Legal Permanent Resident. Additionally, Respondent's romantic partner is a Legal Permanent Resident. Importantly, Respondent has timely filed an Asylum application and has a Master Hearing scheduled for January 29, 2025; therefore, Respondent is not a flight risk.

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

**GROUND TWO:**

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

**GROUND THREE:**

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

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**GROUND FOUR:**

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes  No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not: Appeals should not be required because the IJ's decision violates the Federal Court Order in Lazaro Maldonado Bautista et.al. v. Ernesto Santacruz Jr.et. al., 5:25-cv-SSS-BMF, Dkt. 94.

**Request for Relief**

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: Order Respondent's immediate release from detention, or, in the alternative, order a bond hearing at which the Government must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent's continued detention is necessary.

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**Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury**

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

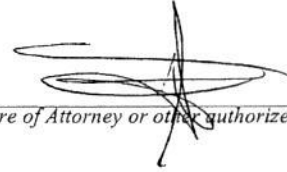
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I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 1/13/26

x A196 Castillo

*Signature of Petitioner*



*Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any*