

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Victor Martinez Sandoval,

Petitioner,

v.

Kristi NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department of
Homeland Security; U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HOMELAND SECURITY; Pamela
BONDI, U.S. Attorney General;
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR
IMMIGRATION REVIEW; Todd LYONS,
Acting Director of U.S. Immigration and
Customs Enforcement; IMMIGRATION
AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, David
EASTERWOOD, Field Office Acting
Director of Enforcement and Removal
Operations, St. Paul Field Office,
Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES,

Respondents.

Case No. 0:26-cv-00264
(KMM/EMB)

STATUS UPDATE

STATUS UPDATE - JANUARY 19, 2026

1. Petitioner, Victor Martinez Sandoval, filed a petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 for his immediate release from DHS custody on January 14, 2026. On January 18, 2026, at 1:35 pm, United States District Judge Katherine Menendez ordered Respondents to release Petitioner immediately and notify the Court and Petitioner's counsel of Petitioner's release within 24 hours. Further, the Court ordered that such release shall be on the same terms and conditions that governed Petitioner's status previously, if there were conditions of release imposed.
2. As of the filing of this status update on January 19, 2026, Petitioner has not yet been released from DHS custody.
3. Undersigned counsel emailed Ms. Ana Voss, attorney for the government and lead counsel of record, on January 19, 2026, after 2:30pm, as well as the facility where Petitioner is detained, ERO El Paso Camp East Montana. Undersigned counsel requested a status update on Petitioner's release. Undersigned counsel has not received a response from the government.

Respectfully submitted,

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