

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 20, 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. Petitioner was released from DHS custody on January 20, 2026, however, Respondents released Petitioner with an ankle bracelet for continuous monitoring and confiscated his Minnesota issued identification as well as his work permit issued under the U Visa Bona Fide Determination.

3. Petitioner asks this Honorable Court to require Respondents to abide by the Court's order that "[s]uch release shall be on the same terms and conditions that governed Petitioner's status previously, if there were conditions of release imposed." Supervision under ankle monitoring was not a condition previously imposed, nor was the confiscation of identity documents. Thus, Petitioner asks this Court to order Respondents to return Petitioner's identity documents and release him from ankle monitoring supervision.

Dated: January 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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