

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SANDRO MANUEL ESPINOZA LOPEZ,

Petitioner,

- against -

LADEON FRANCIS, Field Office Director of New
York, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in
his official capacity *et al.*,

Respondents.

No. 26 Civ. 345 (JHR)

RETURN TO HABEAS PETITION

Under 28 U.S.C. § 2243, the government respectfully submits this Return, together with the accompanying letter and declaration of Deportation Officer Michael Charles, in opposition to the Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (“Petition”), filed by petitioner Sandro Manuel Espinoza Lopez (Dkt. No. 1). The attached documents are taken from Petitioner’s administrative file, as maintained by and provided to this Office by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

1. Exhibit 1 is a copy of the Form I-200, Warrant for Arrest of Alien, served on Petitioner on January 14, 2026.
2. Exhibit 2 is a copy of the Notice to Appear, dated January 14, 2026.
3. Exhibit 3 is a copy of the Form I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien, dated January 14, 2026.

The facts contained in Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, and in the Declaration of Deportation Officer Charles, and the law set forth in the government’s letter in opposition to the Petition and incorporated by reference from the government’s brief in *Weng v. Genalo*, establish that Petitioner’s detention is lawful.

WHEREFORE, the government respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment denying the Petition.

Dated: New York, New York
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Respectfully submitted,

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