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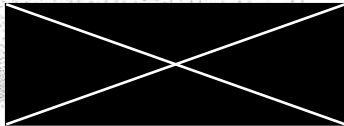
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Date: January 12, 2026

Re: Filing of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus – (28 U.S.C. §2241)

Detainee: Janier Rico

A-Number: A



Detention Facility: Alligator Detention Center – Ochopee, FL

Dear Clerk of Court,

Please find enclosed the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of the above-named detainee, who is currently held in immigration custody within the jurisdiction of the Fort Myers Division.

Kindly file the enclosed petition and return a stamped copy to the address listed above.

If any additional requirements or corrections are needed, please notify me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Elaine Sandler

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Elaine Sandler'.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

FORT MYERS DIVISION

Petitioner:

Janier Rico

Petitioner, Janier Rico, respectfully submits this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his continued and unlawful detention by immigration authorities.

Petitioner Information

- Name: Janier Rico
- Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1973
- Marital status: Married
- Country of Origin: Cuba
- A-Number: [REDACTED]
- Date of entry to the US: June 14th, 1985
- Final Order of Deportation: December 1st, 2009
- Arrest Date: December 6th, 2025

Jurisdiction

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 because Petitioner is currently detained within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Fort Myers Division.

Grounds for Habeas Relief

Petitioner is being detained for a prolonged period with no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. Such detention violates due process under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Relief Requested

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, order his immediate release from immigration custody, or alternatively order a prompt bond hearing.

Emergency Contact

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Respectfully submitted,

Authorized Representative