

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
El Paso Division

Juan Daniel Pareja Giraldo
Petitioner,

v.

Mary De Anda-Ybarra, *et. al.*,

Respondents.

No. 3:26-CV-00149-KC

STATUS REPORT

A bond hearing was held before Immigration Judge Stephen Ruhle on February 5, 2026, as ordered by the Court. At the hearing, Petitioner requested a custody redetermination pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1236. After full consideration of evidence presented, Immigration Judge Ruhle denied Petitioner's request for a change in custody status, finding that the Department of Homeland Security demonstrated, by clear and convincing evidence, that Petitioner poses a significant flight risk, as he lacks any lawful means to remain in the United States and is unlikely to depart voluntarily if ordered to do so. The immigration judge further found Petitioner is ineligible to apply for asylum due to Asylum Cooperative Agreements with Ecuador and Guatemala, and Petitioner does not qualify for an exception to their applicability. *See* Exh. A (February 5 IJ Order)

A Motion to Reconsider was filed by Petitioner's counsel on February 10, 2026. Motion denied on February 10, 2026, by Immigration Judge Stephen Ruhle. The immigration judge listed the following as reasons for denial of the motion to reconsider: Decisions in *Buenrostro-Mendez v. Bondi*, Nos. 25-20496, 25-40701 (5th Cir. Feb. 6, 2026), and *Matter of Yajure-Hurtado*, 29 I&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025) establish that the court lacks jurisdiction to grant the requested relief. *See* Exh. B (February 10 IJ Order)

Respectfully submitted,

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