

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

Katherine M.,

File No. 26-cv-880 (ECT/JFD)

Petitioner,

v.

ORDER

Pam Bondi, *Attorney General*; Kristi Noem, *Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*; Todd M. Lyons, *Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement*; and David Easterwood, *Acting Director, St. Paul Field Office Immigration and Customs Enforcement*,

Respondents.

Petitioner Katherine M. has filed a Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (“Petition”) [ECF No. 1]. Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein, **IT IS**

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondents are directed to file an answer to the Petition by no later than **February 1, 2026**, certifying the true cause and proper duration of Petitioner’s confinement and showing cause why the writ should not be granted in this case.

2. Respondents’ answer should include:

- a. Such affidavits and exhibits as are needed to establish the lawfulness and correct duration of Petitioner’s detention in light of the issues raised in the Petition;
- b. A reasoned memorandum of law and fact explaining Respondents’ legal position on Petitioner’s claims;

- c. Respondents' recommendation on whether an evidentiary hearing should be conducted; and
- d. Respondents' view as to whether—and if so, why—this matter is materially distinguishable, either factually or legally, from *Fernando F.P.D. v. Brot*, No. 25-cv-4455 (ECT/ECW), 2025 WL 3675151 (D. Minn. Dec. 17, 2025).
- e. Whether the absence of a warrant preceding Petitioner's arrest necessitates Petitioner's immediate release.

3. If Petitioner intends to file a reply to Respondents' answer, Petitioner must do so by no later than **February 3, 2026**. Thereafter, no further submissions from either party will be permitted, except as authorized by Court order.

Dated: January 30, 2026

s/ Eric C. Tostrud
Eric C. Tostrud
United States District Court