

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RANA VARUN

(Emergency Application)

Petitioner

EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ORDER TO
SHOW CAUSE AND TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER

KENNETH GENALO, NYC Director,
Enforcement & Removal Operations,
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

TODD LYONS, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of the United States,

Respondents.

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AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Petitioner respectfully moves, on an emergency basis, for an Order to Show Cause and Temporary Restraining Order

- (1) prohibiting his transfer,
- (2) compelling Respondents to produce him before the Court,
- (3) compelling production of the A-file and arrest and custody documentation and
- (4) ordering Respondents to conduct a lawful custody determination within 24–48 hours or, alternatively, Petitioner’s immediate release.

STANDARD FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

A temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction are warranted where Petitioner shows likelihood of success on the merits, irreparable harm, a balance of equities in his favor, and that relief serves the public interest.

IRREPARABLE HARM

Petitioner suffers irreparable harm each day he remains confined without lawful

authority and without the constitutionally required process. The Second Circuit recognizes that the loss of liberty constitutes irreparable injury as a matter of law. Petitioner also faces the immediate risk of transfer which would frustrate counsel's access and impair the Court's ability to grant effective habeas relief.

LIKELIHOOD OF SUCCESS

Petitioner is likely to succeed because the record currently reflects a warrantless arrest with no articulated basis and continued detention without any contemporaneous individualized custody determination. The SDNY has repeatedly granted habeas relief and ordered immediate release when ICE's detention process is defective, and the Government cannot show lawful individualized decision-making. See *Lopez Benitez*, 2025 WL 2371588; *Kelly*, 2025 WL 2381591; *Valdez*, 2025 WL 1707737; *Chipantiza-Sisalema*, 2025 WL 1927931; *Gonzalez*, 2025 WL 2961626; *Tumba Huamani*, 2025 WL 3079014; *Huang v. Almodovar*, No. 25 Civ. 9346, 2025 WL 3295912 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 26, 2025).

BALANCE OF EQUITIES AND PUBLIC INTEREST

The equities overwhelmingly favor preventing unconstitutional detention. The public interest is not served by detaining individuals without lawful process and statutory compliance, and it is served by enforcing constitutional and statutory limits on civil immigration enforcement.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Court should grant the emergency OSC/TRO and grant the writ, including ordering immediate release or, at minimum, compelling a lawful custody

determination within 24–48 hours supported by documentary proof and ordering release.

Dated: January 28, 2026
New York, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION BY SOMEONE ACTING ON PETITIONER'S BEHALF PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2242

I am submitting this verification on behalf of the Petitioner because I am one of the Petitioner's attorneys. I have received this information from staff members at the law firm, the office file, investigations of counsel, and from the Petitioner, who has granted me permission to discuss the events described in this Petition with this family. On the basis of this understanding, I hereby verify that the statements made in the attached Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: January 30 , 2026	BY: <u>/s/ S. Michael Musa-Obregon</u> S. Michael Musa-Obregon, Esq. michael@musa-obregon.com
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 30, 2026, I caused the foregoing Petition, Emergency Motion, Memorandum of Law, and Proposed Order to be served by electronic mail and/or overnight service on the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, Civil Division, and by electronic mail and/or overnight service on counsel for Respondents, and I further caused service on Respondents in their official capacities via the U.S. Attorney as permitted by applicable rules.

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