

JUDGE KATHLEEN CARDONE

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

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Carlos Ponce Casanova
Petitioner

KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the
Department of Homeland Security,
PAMELA Jo Bondy, Attorney General,
WARDEN, ERO El Paso Camp East Montana
Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. _____
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

EP 26CV0297

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Carlos Ponce Casanova
- (b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
 - (a) Name of institution: CAMP EAST MONTANA
 - (b) Address: 6920 Digital Road
EL PASO, TX. 79936
 - (c) Your identification number: [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:

☐ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☒ Other - explain:
Immigration and Custom Enforcement "ICE"
4. Are you currently:

☐ A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
☐ Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
 If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:

 - (a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
 - (b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
 - (c) Date of sentencing: _____

☒ Being held on an immigration charge
☐ Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:

☐ How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- ☐ Pretrial detention
☒ Immigration detention
☐ Detainer
☐ The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
☐ Disciplinary proceedings
☐ Other (explain): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

- (a) Name and location of the agency or court: The indefinite detention by "ICE" on Key West Florida
 (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 
 (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):
The immigration judge denied me a bond because I been held under 8 USC 1236(c) due to my conviction for sale of cocaine
 (d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. First appeal

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: The immigration judge said that she did not have jurisdiction to grant a bond hearing and neither she nor the BIA can consider the constitutionality of my detention.

8. Second appeal

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes

☒ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

- (b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

- (c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: August 5, 2025

- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: on or about October 24, 2024

- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Result: _____

(4) Date of result: _____

(5) Issues raised: _____

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Case number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

12. Other appeals

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: _____

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(c) Date of filing: _____

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(e) Result: _____

(f) Date of result: _____

(g) Issues raised: _____

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Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: My continued detention is unconstitutional under the 5th and 8 Amendment of the Constitution because I have now spend 6 months in custody and my detention is not necessary.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

I have been detained for 6 months and never have afford a 90 day Review I was arrested by ICE when signing for my probation not for new offense

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO:

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE:

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND FOUR:

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not: The only decision I could possibly appeal is the immigration court's lack of jurisdiction based on the statute, neither the immigration court or the BIA can decide the constitutionality of that statute as applied to me. It would be futile to appeal the decision to deny me a bond hearing.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: Order my immediate release from detention, or, in the alternative, a bond hearing at which the government should bear the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence that I should be detained indefinitely.

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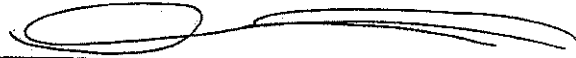
Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

29-01-2026

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 29-01-2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

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