

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

CARLOS PONCE CASANOVA,
PETITIONER,

v.

KRISTINOEM, ET. AL.
RESPONDENTS.

NO. 3:26-CV-00297-KC

RESPONSE TO HABEAS PETITION AND COURT'S SHOW CAUSE ORDER

Now comes Federal Respondents and file this Response to the Court's order requesting an update on removal efforts. Attached to this Response is Exhibit A¹, which details the removal efforts in more detail. On December 1, 2025, ERO San Diego attempted to return Ponce to Miami due to him claiming fear of Mexico. Ponce was staged at ERO El Paso intermittently. Ex. A, Decl. Petitioner was given a Warning to Failure Depart form and a failure to comply letter. *Id.* ERO is still seeking working to seek another third country option to remove Petitioner. *Id.*

¹ The Declaration attached is titled "Declaration of Assistant Field Office Director Angle Garite *Yasmani Font Vecino* [sic.]"(italics added) but this is a typo. The declaration is for the Petitioner in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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