

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
El Paso Division

Mariano Cortes Escandon,
Petitioner,

v.

No. 3:26-CV-00314-KC

Angel Garite, in his official capacity as
Assistant Field Office Director of Enforcement
and Removal Operations, El Paso Field Office,
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

Mary De Anda-Ybarra, in her official capacity
as Field Office Director of Enforcement and
Removal Operations, El Paso Field Office,
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

Todd Lyons, in his official capacity as Acting
Director and Senior Official Performing the
Duties of the Director of U.S. Immigration and
Customs Enforcement;

Kristi Noem, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland
Security;

Respondents.

Federal Respondent's Status Report

Pursuant to this Court's order issued on February 13, 2026, Respondent files this status report regarding Petitioner. A bond hearing was held before Immigration Judge Dean Tuckman on February 19, 2026, as ordered by the Court. Judge Tuckman denied Petitioner's request for a change in custody status, finding that Petitioner poses a flight risk. This decision was based on Petitioner's initial entry into the United States without inspection using fake documents, removal from the United States, subsequent reentry without permission, and the low likelihood of potential

eligibility for relief in immigration court. *See* Exh. A (Immigration Judge Order, Dated December 19, 2025).

Respectfully submitted,

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