

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
WAYCROSS DIVISION**

Anael MEJIA MARTINEZ,

*Petitioner,*

v.

WARDEN of Folkston ICE Processing Center  
in their official capacity,

*Respondent.*

Case No.: 5:26-cv-00148-LGW-BWC

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**PETITIONER'S REPLY TO THE RESPONDENTS' OPPOSITION TO PETITION AND  
RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

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Petitioner rests on the arguments made in his petition. *See* CM/ECF, Doc. 1. Petitioner agrees with Respondent's position that the outcome in this case is controlled by this Court's decision in *Villa v. Normand*, No. 5:25-cv-89, 2025 WL 3095969 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 4, 2025), *report and recommendation adopted*, 2025 WL 3188406 (S.D. Ga. Nov. 14, 2025). *See* CM/ECF, Doc. 4 at 2. Petitioner asks this Court to grant his habeas petition and order a bond hearing before a neutral magistrate.

Dated: February 12, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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