

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Baltimore Division)**

VICTOR HUGO CASTRO-AGUILAR,

Petitioner,

v.

VERNON LIGGINS, *et al.*,¹

Respondents.

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Case No. 1:26-cv-00458-DLB

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JOINT STATUS REPORT

Petitioner, Victor Hugo Castro-Aguilar, and Respondents, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) Baltimore Field Office Acting Field Office Director Vernon Liggins, United States Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) Secretary Kristi Noem, ICE, DHS, United States Attorney General Pamela Bondi, and ICE Acting Director Todd Lyons, by and through their respective undersigned counsel, submit this Joint Status Report in accordance with the Court’s February 9, 2026 Order (ECF No. 7) and state:

1. On Thursday, February 12, 2026, Petitioner filed a bond motion with the Immigration Court in Annandale, Virginia.

2. The Immigration Court in Annandale, Virginia subsequently scheduled a bond hearing for Petitioner for Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 8:30 AM.

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), upon the departure of a public officer sued in their official capacity, “[t]he officer’s successor is automatically substituted as a party.” FED. R. CIV. P. 25(d). Vernon Liggins has recently been named Acting Field Office Director for the ICE Baltimore Field Office. Thus, he is automatically substituted as the respondent for former-Acting Field Office Director Jeremy Bacon.

3. On Thursday, February 19, 2026, the Immigration Court in Annandale, Virginia held a bond hearing for Petitioner. The Immigration Judge granted Petitioner bond in the amount of \$15,000.

4. On Friday, February 20, 2026, Petitioner paid bond and provided proof of payment to ICE.

5. On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, bond posted upon ICE's acceptance of the bond payment and issuance of ICE Form I-352.

6. Today, February 26, 2026, Petitioner was released from ICE custody.

7. The parties agree that this case may now be closed.

Dated: February 26, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of February, 2026, a copy of the foregoing Joint Status Report was served electronically on all parties and counsel receiving service via CM/ECF in this case.

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