

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
WESTERN DIVISION**

**EVER CAX**

**PETITIONER**

**V.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO: 5:26-cv-00054-DCB-BWR**

**RAPHAEL VEGARA, WARDEN OF THE  
ADAMS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

**RESPONDENT**

**RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

COMES NOW, counsel for Respondent, Raphael Vergara, Warden of the Adams County Correctional Center, and files this its response to the Court's Order to Show Cause dated March 17, 2026 [ECF Dkt. 8] and would say the following:

1. On March 17, 2026, Magistrate Judge Bradley K. Rath filed an Order to Show Cause that asked the parties to address the following: (1) whether Petitioner is currently in ICE custody and, if so, where; and (2) if Petitioner is no longer in ICE custody, whether Petitioner's habeas petition is now moot.
2. Respondent has determined that Petitioner, Ever Cax, is still detained at the Adams County Correctional Facility.<sup>1</sup> A Notice to EOIR: Alien Address, also known as a Form I-830E is attached as Exhibit A. This notice shows that as of 3/30/2026, Petitioner is still housed in Adams County Correctional Center, located at 20 Hobo

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<sup>1</sup> Petitioner's counsel filed a response to the Order to Show Cause, but the Clerk issued a Docket Annotation on March 30, 2026, that stated that the "Attorney is advised to refile Response to Order to Show Cause, pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(d)(3) which requires signature of the resident attorney. This document is filed in error and will be disregarded on the docket." However, on March 31, 2026, counsel for Petitioner refiled the document with the appropriate signatures.

Forks Road, Natchez, MS 39120. The document also shows he has been housed there since June 5, 2025.

3. Petitioner's counsel filed a response to the Order to Show Cause that also stated that he had called the detention center and verified twice that Mr. Cax was still detained in Adams County.

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED,** both parties have responded that Ever Cax is still retained in the Adams County Detention Center. Therefore, this Court still has jurisdiction of the §2241 that was filed by Petitioner on February 23, 2026, and responded to on March 16, 2026, by counsel for the respondent.

Dated: March 31, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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