

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Instructions

1. **Who Should Use This Form.** You should use this form if
 - you are a federal prisoner and you wish to challenge the way your sentence is being carried out (for example, you claim that the Bureau of Prisons miscalculated your sentence or failed to properly award good time credits);
 - you are in federal or state custody because of something other than a judgment of conviction (for example, you are in pretrial detention or are awaiting extradition); or
 - you are alleging that you are illegally detained in immigration custody.
2. **Who Should Not Use This Form.** You should not use this form if
 - you are challenging the validity of a federal judgment of conviction and sentence (these challenges are generally raised in a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255);
 - you are challenging the validity of a state judgment of conviction and sentence (these challenges are generally raised in a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254); or
 - you are challenging a final order of removal in an immigration case (these challenges are generally raised in a petition for review directly with a United States Court of Appeals).

3. **Preparing the Petition.** The petition must be typed or neatly written, and you must sign and date it under penalty of perjury. **A false statement may lead to prosecution.**

All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages or file a memorandum in support of the petition. If you attach additional pages, number the pages and identify which section of the petition is being continued. Note that some courts have page limitations. All filings must be submitted on paper sized 8½ by 11 inches. Do not use the back of any page.

No citation of authorities need be furnished. If a brief or additional argument is submitted. It should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum of law, not to exceed 20 pages in length absent prior leave of Court.*

4. **Supporting Documents.** In addition to your petition, you must send to the court a copy of the decisions you are challenging and a copy of any briefs or administrative remedy forms filed in your case.
5. **Required Filing Fee.** You must include the \$5 filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you must ask the court for permission to proceed in forma pauperis – that is, as a person who cannot pay the filing fee – by submitting the documents that the court requires.
6. **Submitting Documents to the Court.** Mail your petition and one copy to the clerk of the United States District Court for the district and division in which you are confined (see below). All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly hand written. If you want a file-stamped copy of the petition, you must enclose an additional copy of the petition and ask the court to file-stamp it and return it to you.*

Miami Division

Clerk, U.S. District Court
400 N. Miami Ave., #8N09
Miami, FL 33128

Fort Lauderdale Division

Clerk, U.S. District Court
299 E. Broward Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

West Palm Beach Division

Clerk, U.S. District Court
701 Clematis Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

7. **Change of Address.** You must immediately advise the Court of any changes of address by filing a "Notice to the Court of Change of Address." This notice should contain the address change and the effective date and must be signed. **FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE COURT OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS COULD RESULT IN THE DISMISSAL OF YOUR PETITION.**
8. Petitioner is advised that respondent is not required to respond to the petition unless ordered by the Court and that default is inappropriate in habeas corpus proceedings. Once the Court has ordered a response and counsel for respondent has appeared in the case, any documents you file with the Court must also be sent to counsel. All filings must include a certificate of service stating the date that a copy was served or mailed to counsel.
9. After receiving notice of your case number from the clerk, you must include the case number on all documents you file with the Court. You must keep a copy of every document you send to the Court as you are not entitled to free copies from the clerk even if you are proceeding in forma pauperis.

AO 242 (12/11) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Florida

Catalino ORTEGA

Petitioner

v.

Warden, Miami Federal Detention Center FDC
Todd Lyons, Acting Director of Immigration and
Customs Enforcement; et al.

Respondent


(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No.

(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Catalino Ortega
 (b) Other names you have used: N/A
2. Place of confinement:
 (a) Name of institution: Miami Federal Detention Center FDC
 (b) Address: 33 NE 4th Street, Miami, FL 33132
 (c) Your identification number: 
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
 Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain:

4. Are you currently:
 A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
 Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
 If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
 (a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
 (b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
 (c) Date of sentencing: _____
 Being held on an immigration charge
 Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
- How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)
 - Pretrial detention
 - Immigration detention
 - Detainer
 - The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
 - Disciplinary proceedings
 - Other (explain):

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:
- (a) Name and location of the agency or court: U. S Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/ICE/ Immigration Court (Miami-Krome)
- (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [REDACTED]
- (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):
An order denying custody redetermination because Immigration Judge has no jurisdiction under Matter Yajure-Hurtado 29 I&N Dec. 216 (BIA 2025).

(d) Date of the decision or action:

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

- Yes
- No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

- (1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____
- (2) Date of filing: _____
- (3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: _____

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

Yes No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: _____

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

Yes No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion or a Section 2254 to petition to challenge this conviction or sentence?*

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence:

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 10/31/2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Result: _____

(4) Date of result: _____

(5) Issues raised: _____

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Case number: _____

- (4) Result: _____
- (5) Date of result: _____
- (6) Issues raised: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

- Yes
- No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Kind of petition, motion, or application: _____
- (b) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____
- _____
- (c) Date of filing: _____
- (d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____
- (e) Result: _____
- (f) Date of result: _____
- (g) Issues raised: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

- 13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

GROUND ONE: Unlawful immigration detention (Ultravires Agency Action)

The government is detaining the petitioner under the wrong statutory scheme

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(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

Petitioner entered the United States on 09/18/1992 without inspection. He has lived in the United States for over 30 years. On October 31, 2025, while returning home from work, he was stopped by the police for having an expired driver's license. Was taken back in custody without a new warrant or new legal basis being provided. Under Section 236, the Petitioner had a prior bond and was released. ICE cannot retroactively reclassify him or placed him under 235(b).

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND TWO: The Government violated the Accardi Doctrine by failing to follow its on Regulations

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

The Government violated the Accardi Doctrine by failing to adhere to its own duly promulgated detention and custody-review regulations. these mandatory procedural rules constrain agency discretion and protect against arbitrary detention. Agency action taken without observance of required procedure is invalid and cannot sustain continued custody.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND THREE: Fifth Amendment Due Process Violation Resulting in prolonged Detention.

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.):*

The Government violated the fifth amendment by failing to provide the process prescribed by statute and regulation for Petitioner's detention. Where the agency withholds the procedures that define due process for the relevant class of non-citizen, detention become constitutionally arbitrary. The resulting prolonged custody violates due process irrespective of ultimate removability.

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes No

GROUND FOUR:

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

Yes

No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not:

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: _____

Petitioner requests immediate release from immigration detention under reasonable conditions of supervision, including requirements and/or ISAP as appropriate. Petitioner also requests an order prohibiting transfer outside this District while this action is pending, and any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

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Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 02/11/2026

C. O.

Signature of Petitioner

s/ Arno Lemus

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any