

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF COLORADO

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DENVER, COLORADO
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JEFFREY P. COLWELL, CLERK

LENNIN SANCHEZ-JIMENEZ, ,
Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN, DENVER CONTRACT DETENTION FACILITY (Immediate Custodian);
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS);
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE); and
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Respondents.

Case No.: _____ (to be assigned)

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

(Protective Filing Prompted by Post-Filing Transfer; Request to Preserve Jurisdiction,
Prevent Mootness, and Request Court-Directed Service)

Petitioner Lennin Sanchez-Jimenez (“Petitioner”), proceeding pro se and in DHS/ICE
custody, respectfully petitions for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and
states:

I. INTRODUCTION (PROTECTIVE FILING)

1. This is a protective habeas filing prompted by a post-filing transfer. A prior habeas action remains pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Fort Myers Division, Case No. 2:26-cv-00146-KCD-NPM, where the Court issued an Order to Show Cause requiring a government response by February 20, 2026.
2. Petitioner files in this Court solely to preserve jurisdiction and prevent mootness due to Petitioner’s transfer into the District of Colorado after the Florida filing. Petitioner does not seek duplicative litigation and requests coordination to avoid inconsistent proceedings.


II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

3. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 because Petitioner is confined within the District of Colorado and challenges the legality of detention and custody process.
4. Venue is proper because Petitioner is confined at:

**Denver Contract Detention Facility
3130 N. Oakland St.
Aurora, CO 80010**

5. The Immediate Custodian is the facility Warden. See *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, 542 U.S. 426 (2004).

III. PARTIES

6. Petitioner: Lennin Sanchez-Jimenez,  (pro se), detained in ICE custody.
7. Respondents:
 - a. Warden, Denver Contract Detention Facility (Immediate Custodian);
 - b. DHS;
 - c. ICE; and
 - d. United States Attorney General.

III. STATEMENT OF FACTS (LIMITED TO KNOWN FACTS)

8. Petitioner has been in DHS/ICE custody since January 7, 2026.
9. Petitioner filed a pro se habeas petition in the Middle District of Florida on January 26, 2026, Case No. 2:26-cv-00146-KCD-NPM.
10. The Middle District of Florida entered an Order to Show Cause on January 27, 2026, directing Respondents to respond by February 20, 2026.

11. After the Florida filing, Petitioner's ICE custody location became unstable and was updated to reflect confinement at the Denver Contract Detention Facility in Aurora, Colorado.

12. Petitioner does not possess and DHS/ICE has not provided Petitioner any final order of removal. Petitioner is not aware of any final order of removal entered against him.

V. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

Ground One: Unlawful Detention / Lack of Clear Custody Authority and Process

13. Petitioner is detained without timely, reliable identification of the statutory detention authority asserted (e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1225, § 1226, § 1231, or other) and without adequate custody documentation being provided to permit meaningful challenge and review.

Ground Two: Prevent Mootness / Preserve Meaningful Judicial Review

14. Because a prior habeas action remains pending with an active OSC schedule, any removal from the United States (or custody action that moots review) would irreparably impair meaningful judicial review.

VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

A. Accept this Petition as a protective filing prompted by post-filing transfer and preserve jurisdiction over Petitioner's custody-based claims;

B. Order Respondents to file a sworn declaration (under penalty of perjury) stating:

1. Petitioner's current physical location;
2. the statutory detention authority asserted;
3. Whether any removal is scheduled or imminent; and
4. The assigned Deportation Officer and supervisor contact information (if assigned);

C. Grant such other relief as is just and proper to prevent mootness and preserve meaningful habeas review.

VII. REQUEST FOR COURT-DIRECTED SERVICE (DETENTION / PRO SE / URGENCY)

15. Petitioner is detained, proceeding pro se, and has limited practical access to service resources. Given the emergency posture and the need to preserve jurisdiction and meaningful review, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court:

a. Direct the Clerk of Court to effect service of this Petition and any related emergency motion on Respondents (or direct the U.S. Marshals Service or other appropriate means), including the United States Attorney's Office and the Attorney General; and/or

b. Alternatively, enter an order specifying the service method and recipients and extending any service deadline as needed due to Petitioner's custodial limitations.

16. This request is made in good faith to ensure orderly notice and efficient handling, and to avoid procedural prejudice to a detained pro se petitioner.

VIII. NOTICE OF RELATED CASE (M.D. FLORIDA)

17. Related pending habeas action:

**Sanchez-Jimenez v. Warden, Florida Soft Side South Facility, et al.
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (Fort Myers Division)
Case No. 2:26-cv-00146-KCD-NPM**

Order to Show Cause entered January 27, 2026; Government response due February 20, 2026.

IX. VERIFICATION (28 U.S.C. § 1746)

I, Lennin Sanchez-Jimenez, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: February 10, 2026

Aurora, Colorado

Lennin Jimenez
LENNIN SANCHEZ-JIMENEZ (Pro Se)



c/o Denver Contract Detention Facility
3130 N. Oakland St.
Aurora, CO 80010

X. NOTICE REGARDING SERVICE (NO CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE FILED YET)

Because Petitioner is detained and is requesting Court-directed service, Petitioner submits this Petition without a Certificate of Service at this time, and respectfully requests the Court to direct service as stated in Section VII. If the Court orders Petitioner to serve Respondents personally, Petitioner will comply to the extent feasible and will file proof of service as directed.