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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

EP 26CV0415

Case No. _____

(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

Pamela Jo Bendi, v. U.S. Attorney General
Kristi Nsem, Secretary of the Department
of Homeland Security, Warden of
ERO Camp East Montana
 Respondent
 (name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
 PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2241 BY
 A PERSON SUBJECT TO INDEFINITE
 DETENTION BY IMMIGRATION

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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: OSVALDO HERNANDEZ
- (b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
 - (a) Name of institution: ERO CAMP EAST MONTANA
 - (b) Address: 6920 Digital Road
El Paso, TX 79936
 - (c) Your identification number: A 099 944 735
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:

☒ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain: ICE
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)

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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.
4. **Answer all the questions.** You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or correct information. If you want to submit any legal arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum. Be aware that any such memorandum may be subject to page limits set forth in the local rules of the court where you file this petition. If you attach additional pages, number the pages and identify which section of the petition is being continued. All filings must be submitted on paper sized 8½ by 11 inches. **Do not use the back of any page.**
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Submitting Documents to the Court.** Mail your petition and _____ copies to the clerk of the United States District Court for the district and division in which you are confined. For a list of districts and divisions, see 28 U.S.C. §§ 81-131. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.

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.
8. **Change of Address.** You must immediately notify the court in writing of any change of address. If you do not, the court may dismiss your case.

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- ☐ 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: SOUTH WEST MIAMI ICE PROCESSING CENTER.
 (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: A [REDACTED]
 (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):
THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE DENIAL OF A BOND HEARING BECAUSE I AM BEEN HELD UNDER 8 U.S.C. § 1236 (C) DUE TO MY CONVICTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
 (d) Date of the decision or action: NOVEMBER 2017

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: THE ONLY DECISION I COULD POSSIBLY APPEAL IS THE IMMIGRATION COURT'S LACK OF JURISDICTION BASED ON THE STATUTE. NEITHER THE COURT NOR THE BIA CAN DECIDE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY TO ME.

8. Second appeal IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO APPEAL ONLY TO DENY ME A BOND HEARING.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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(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

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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 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: _____

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

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

☐ Yes☒ No

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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: _____

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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. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: my continued detention is unconstitutional under the Fifth and 8 Amendment of the Constitution because I have now spend over three months in custody and my detention is not necessary.

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

ICE and DHS's Refusal to Release the Petitioner is Arbitrary and Capricious based on an erroneous interpretation of the Law. ICE has been trying to remove the petitioner since the final order of removal on 2017.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO: Substantive Due Process Violation. Petitioner's continued detention violates his right to substantive due process through a deprivation of the core liberty interest in freedom from bodily restraint.

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

The Fifth Amendment requires that the deprivation of petitioner's liberty be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling government interest. However that interest does not justify the indefinite detention of petitioner, who is not significantly likely to be removed to Cuba in the reasonably foreseeable future. Because there is no immigration agreement between Cuba and the United States.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE: Procedural Due Process violation. The Government had deprived the petitioner of his Fifth Amendment right

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

The Government had deprived the petitioner of meaningful opportunity to demonstrate that he should not be detained. The failure of respondents to provide a neutral decision-maker to review the continued custody of petitioner violates his right to procedural due process. There is no administrative mechanism in place for petitioner to demand a decision.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

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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: The immigration Judge stated that the Court did not have jurisdiction to grant a bond hearing and neither the Court nor the BIA can consider the constitutionality of Petitioner's detention.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: 1). Assume jurisdiction over this matter; 2). Grant Petitioner a writ of habeas corpus directing Respondents to immediately release Petitioner from custody under reasonable condition of supervision; 3). Order Respondents to refrain from transferring the Petitioner out of the jurisdiction of ICE in the Western District of Texas during the pendency of these proceedings and while the Petitioner remains in Respondent's custody.

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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:

02/8/2026

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.

AND THAT THE PETITIONER HAVE SERVED A COPY OF THE WRIT FOR HABEAS CORPUS TO: Pamela Jo Bondi, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL AT 950 PENNSYLVANIA AVE N.W., WASHINGTON D.C. 20530

Date: 02/8/2026


Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

