

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

Mildred Abeck Musong

Petitioner,

v.

No. 1:26-cv-00586-TDC

VERNON LIGGINS, Acting Director of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Baltimore Field Office; MATTHEW ELLISTON, Deputy Assistant Director for Field Operations, Eastern Division, Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General of the United States, in their official capacities.,

Respondents.

STATUS REPORT

Following the telephonic case management conference on Friday, February 20, 2026, undersigned counsel collaborated with Petitioner's U.S. Citizen brother, Mr. Check, to facilitate the payment of the bond. Her brother is in the US military and was on duty at the time. He was not able to begin the bond sponsor process until after the bond processing window, 9:00am-3:00pm EST, had passed. Undersigned counsel reached out to opposing counsel to see if they had anyone available to process Mr. Check's request to serve as Petitioner's bond sponsor. Undersigned counsel was made aware that Federal Respondent's were attempting to find an individual who could process the application after hours. The application was not processed until Monday, February 23rd. Mr. Check made the bond payment that same day. Undersigned counsel provided a copy of the bond payment receipt to Federal Respondents via email at 1:30pm on February 23rd.

See Exh. 1. Despite this, Petitioner was not released from the Baltimore Hold Room until the next day, Tuesday, February 24, 2026. There was significant confusion for Petitioner's family regarding her release because the CE Bonds website showed the bond sponsor that Mildred had been released from ICE custody, the ICE detainee locator showed that she was still in custody, and no family member had received a phone call from Mildred herself. Undersigned counsel reached out to Respondent's counsel regarding her release and was notified at 2:32pm that Mildred had been released "a short time ago (not this morning)." Exh. 1. Undersigned counsel contacted Petitioner's family and alerted them that Petitioner had been released, but had no information regarding where she was released or how he could get in touch with her to pick her up from Hopkins Plaza. A family friend promptly got in his car and began driving to Baltimore. Shortly thereafter, Petitioner was able to call her family and let them know that she had been taken to an ICE Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) office to have an ankle monitor placed on her and provide them with her location, despite this not being a condition of her release mandated by the Immigration Judge. See Exh. 2, *see also Diahn v. Lowe*, No. 1:24CV1936, 2026 WL 84576 (M.D. Pa. Jan. 12, 2026). At 5:10pm on February 24th, undersigned counsel was notified that Mildred was safely at home with her family.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibits

Exh. 1 – Email Exchange between Petitioner’s Counsel and Federal Respondents

Exh. 2 – Order granting Petitioner Bond