

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

Lazaro Reyes

Petitioner

v.

Warden, Florida Soft Side South, Alligator Alcatraz

Respondent

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

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Case No.

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

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Lazaro Reyes
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Florida Soft Side South, Everglades Detention Center, Alligator Alcatraz
(b) Address: 54575 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, FL 34141
(c) Your identification number: A: 
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☒ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain:
Detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (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): unlawfully detained by ICE

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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: Florida Soft Side South, Everglades Detention Facility
Alligator Alcatraz, detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):

I have been unlawfully detained by ICE for over two months, since 12/06/2025. This is an unreasonable amount of time, and I have not been in front of Judge to defend my case. I have been denied my right to a bond hearing, ICE has not indicated the reason or explanation for my prolonged detention. My due process rights are being violated.

(d) Date of the decision or action: 12/06/2025

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: _____

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

This is my first attempt to seek a remedy for my unlawful detention.

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: _____

This is my first attempt to seek a remedy for my unlawful detention.

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: _____

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(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal:
This is my first attempt to seek a remedy for my unlawful detention.

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: _____

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- (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: 12/06/2025
- (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: _____

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(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: Prolonged Detention: My detention is unreasonable and has exceeded reasonable limits.

I have been detained for over two months in which my due process has been violated.

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

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

GROUND TWO: Denial of Bond Hearing

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

I have been detained for over two months and not once have I been in front of a Judge to request a bond hearing. I have been denied my right to seek a bond hearing and present evidence in my defense that I am not a flight risk or a danger to the community as a whole. I have a stable home and family in this country. However, ICE has prevented my right to seek relief.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

GROUND THREE: Constitutional and Due Process Violation.

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

My detention was unlawful and arbitrary. ICE had no grounds to detain me in the first place and they have not explained why my detention keeps prolonging without any sight of relief. I have been moved around between two other detention facilities, including one in Texas and Louisiana, without any explanation.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

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GROUND FOUR: Detained without legal basis and subject to impermissible detention conditions.

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

The current living conditions at Alligator Alcatraz are inhumane. We have limited resources available to the detainees. I have not been able to see my family as this center does not allow in-person visits. Communication with my family is also limited due to the restraining phone call system. I am also lacking proper medical care.

(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: I request my immediate release from ICE detention.

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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:
JANUARY 31, 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.

Date: 01/31/2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any