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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF UTAH

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<p>JOHAN ANDRES VELASQUEZ MONTILLO,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Petitioner,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">vs.</p> <p>NATE BROOKSBY, Washington County Sheriff, et al.,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Respondents.</p>	<p>Case No. 4:26-cv-00018-DN-PK</p> <p>FEDERAL RESPONDENTS' STATUS REPORT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING STAY OF TRANSFER OR REMOVAL</p> <p>District Judge David Nuffer</p>
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

In response to the Court's Emergency Order Concerning Stay of Transfer or Removal (Emergency Stay Order),<sup>1</sup> Federal Respondents<sup>2</sup> submit this status report regarding (a) compliance with the Emergency Stay Order and (b) the current location of Petitioner Johan Andres Velasquez Montillo (Mr. Montillo).

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<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 7.

<sup>2</sup> The Federal Respondents include all respondents other than NATE BROOKSBY, Washington County Sheriff.

**2. STATUS REPORT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH EMERGENCY STAY ORDER AND CURRENT LOCATION OF MR. MONTILLO**

On February 14, 2026, Mr. Montillo filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 alleging that he is being unlawfully confined in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States. (ECF No. 1 [Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus]). Three days later, on February 17, 2026, this Court issued the Emergency Stay Order that Respondents shall not: a) transfer the petitioner out of the District of Utah, *if the petitioner is within the District of Utah at the time this Order issues*; or b) remove the petitioner from the jurisdiction of the United States, if the petitioner is outside of the District of the Utah but within the jurisdiction of the United States at the time this Order issues. (ECF No. 7 [Emergency Stay Order] at 1).

After the United States received the Emergency Stay Order, contacts at United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were notified of the order. This morning (February 18, 2026), the United States was notified that Mr. Montillo had been transferred to the Nevada Southern Detention Center on February 15, 2026—two days before the Court issued the Emergency Stay Order. ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) directorate has been notified that Mr. Montillo is not to be removed from the United States per the Court's Emergency Stay Order. The United States has also been advised that Mr. Montillo is currently in removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and that his next hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2026, before the Las Vegas Immigration Court.

DATED: February 18, 2026.

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