

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION**

NELSON BARRIENTOS
ALMANZAR,

Petitioner,

v.

JASON STREEVAL, in his official capacity as Warden of Stewart Detention Center; LADEON FRANCIS, in his official capacity as Field Office Director of Enforcement and Removal Operations, Atlanta Field Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; PAMELA BONDI, in her official capacity as U.S. Attorney General,

Respondents.

Case No. 4:26-CV-00281-
CDL-CHW

**PETITIONER’S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT’S ABBREVIATED
RESPONSE TO PETITION AND RESPONSE TO ORDER
TO SHOW CAUSE**

On February 9, 2026, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause instructing the Respondent to show cause within seven (7) days as to why the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Petition) (filed on February 6, 2026) should not be granted in light of this Court’s prior rulings in *J.A.M. v. Streeval*, No. 4:25-cv-00342-CDL-AGH, 2025 WL 3050094 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 1, 2025) and *P.R.S. v. Streeval*, No. 4:25-cv-00330-CDL, 2025 WL 3269947 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 24, 2025). ECF No. 3. On

February 13, 2026, Respondent filed an Abbreviated Response to Petition and Response to Order to Show Cause (Response), reasoning that if the Court determines the Petitioner's detention to be governed by 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), the Petitioner's only appropriate remedy is a bond hearing before an immigration judge. ECF 5. Respondent also reasserts the arguments that were raised in response to petitions at issue in *J.A.M.* and *P.R.S. Id.*

At the time of his arrest, Petitioner was a noncitizen in the United States who had not been lawfully admitted, nor was he attempting to be lawfully admitted. He was detained almost three (3) years after he arrived in the United States. This fact pattern is consistent with those in *J.A.M.* and in *P.R.S.* Thus, this Court's precedent establishes that the Petitioner's detention is governed by § 1226(a). Consequently, Petitioner seeks a Writ of Habeas Corpus requiring that Respondents release Petitioner or, in the alternative, provide Petitioner with a bond hearing in front of an immigration judge pursuant to § 1226(a).

Petitioner reserves all rights, including the right to appeal, and reasserts the arguments raised in the petitions at issue in *J.A.M.* and *P.R.S.* by reference herein.

It is RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of February, 2026.

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