

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

Civil Action No. 26-cv-00763-SKC

EDUIN VEGA CACERES,

Petitioner,

v.

JUAN BALTAZAR, Warden of the Denver Contract Detention Facility;  
GEORGE VALDEZ<sup>1</sup>, Field Office Director, Denver Field Office, U.S. Immigration  
and Customs Enforcement;  
TODD M. LYONS, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement;  
MARKWAYNE MULLIN<sup>2</sup>, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and  
PAMELA BONDI, United States Attorney General,

Respondents.

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**RESPONDENTS' STATUS REPORT**

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Pursuant to the Court's Order, ECF No. 16, Respondents respectfully submit the following Status Report to inform the Court that Petitioner has been returned to Lake Worth, Florida.

Petitioner Eduin Vega Caceres is a native and citizen of Honduras. ECF No. 1 ¶ 26. At the time he was taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") he was residing in Lake Worth, Florida. *See id.* ¶¶ 26-27.

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<sup>1</sup> George Valdez, the Acting Field Office Director for ICE's Denver Field Office, is substituted for Robert G. Hagan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

<sup>2</sup> Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, is substituted for Kristi Noem pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

Petitioner was being detained at the ICE detention facility in Aurora, Colorado. *Id.* ¶ 20.

Petitioner initiated this habeas action on February 24, 2026, challenging his detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b) and whether ICE may invoke an automatic stay and continue to detain a noncitizen after an Immigration Judge has ordered bond pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.19(i)(2). *See generally* ECF No. 1. Following briefing, on March 20, 2026, the Court granted the Petition for a writ of habeas corpus. *See* ECF No. 16. As relief, the Court ordered, among other relief, that “[i]f [Petitioner] posts his \$5,000 bond, Respondents SHALL transport him back to Lake Worth, Florida, at their own expense, within 36 hours of the date and time of the processing of his \$5,000 bond.” *Id.* Within five days of Petitioner’s “return to Florida,” the Court ordered Respondents to file a status report “to certify . . . compliance with this Order.” *Id.*

A few minutes after the Order was issued, Respondents’ counsel contacted ICE to ensure immediate compliance with the Court’s Order. On March 24, 2026, Petitioner’s \$5,000 bond was posted and processed, and he was released from ICE custody. Respondents temporarily retained custody of Petitioner to effectuate his return to Florida. Respondents purchased a flight for Petitioner on a commercial airline departing the Denver International Airport at 9:41 am Mountain Standard Time (“MST”) on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, and arriving in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at approximately 3:35 pm Eastern Standard Time (“EST”) the same day.

After landing in Fort Lauderdale, an ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations agent drove Petitioner to his residence in Lake Worth, Florida.

Upon receiving Petitioner's flight information, Respondents' counsel reached out to Petitioner's counsel to provide that information so that Petitioner's counsel could contact his family and inform them of his pending arrival. At approximately 3:47 pm MST/5:47 pm EST, on March 25, 2026, Petitioner's counsel confirmed that Petitioner had arrived at his home.

Dated: March 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 30, 2026, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system.

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