

AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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Ronald Antonio Contreras Rojas
Petitioner

v.

Case No. '26CV1341 DMS VET
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

Warden: Christopher La Rose
Respondent

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

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

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Ronald Antonio Contreras Rojas
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Corrections Corp Of America
(b) Address: 7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego CA 92154
(c) Your identification number: [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☒ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain: _____
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): _____

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)

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- ☐ 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: Olay Mesa Immigration Court

7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego CA 92154

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [REDACTED]

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

I have been in the United States since 2023 where I have been a part of the ATD program. I was also able to get TPS in America. Doing so I even had a valid work permit and social security. Having all of this I was still denied bail.

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

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: _____

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

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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(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: _____

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: _____

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

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

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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 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: _____

- (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: _____

- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____

- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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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: _____

(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: _____

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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. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: I have been denied the opportunity to be released on bail.

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

I was given a bail hearing for February 20, 2022 and the honorable judge denied the bail because he had no jurisdiction over my bail.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND TWO: When I arrived in the United States back in 2023 I was released by immigration.

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

I entered the United States in May 2023 through Brownsville, Texas and was given an order of release on recognizance, ICE Form I-220A, on May 18, 2023. I was also enrolled in the Alternative To Detention program as designated by the United States Department Of Homeland Security.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND THREE: As I continued my immigration process in America, I was given the opportunity to file for TPS and was approved.

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

On October 11, 2023, I applied for TPS and it was approved. Because my immigration process continued after I applied for TPS, the honorable judge dismissed my case.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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GROUND FOUR: During my stay in the United States, I had the opportunity to apply for a work permit and a Social Security card.

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

On October 11, 2023, I applied for a work permit which was granted. I was also able to obtain a social Security card. I will attach supporting documentation to the back of this petition.

(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 would like to request that the honorable judge grant me release from the Otay Mesa Detention Center through parole, supervision, or bail, as my release was denied. If I meet the requirements, I would like to be assigned a public defender to represent me.

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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:

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: 02-24-2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any