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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH

<p>ARMANDO JESUS TORRES MEDINA, Petitioner, vs. EVAN TJADEN, Acting Field Office Director Salt Lake City Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE/ERO); KRISTI NOEM, Secretary United States Department of Homeland Security; and PAMELA BONDI, U.S. Attorney General, Respondents.</p>	<p>Case No. 2:26-cv-00195-JNP-DBP RESPONDENTS' STATUS REPORT RE: BOND HEARING FOR PETITIONER UNDER 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) District Judge Jill N. Parrish Magistrate Judge Dustin B. Pead</p>
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1. INTRODUCTION

Per the Court's order (Dkt. 27), Respondents submit this status report regarding the custody redetermination hearing (bond hearing) which was held for Petitioner Armando Jesus Torres Medina (Torres Medina) on March 30, 2026 under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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2. STATUS REPORT RE: BOND HEARING HELD ON MARCH 30, 2026 PER THIS COURT'S ORDER

On March 30, 2026, in compliance with this Court's Memorandum Decision and Order Granting Petition for Habeas Corpus (Dkt. 27), Mr. Torres Medina was provided with a custody redetermination hearing (or bond hearing) under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). The hearing took place at the Salt Lake City Immigration Court in West Valley City, Utah. But no bond determination was reached. Instead, at the petitioner's counsel's request, the Immigration Judge continued the hearing to April 1, 2026 so that further evidence could be presented regarding certain criminal charges.

At first, during the hearing, the Immigration Judge reviewed exhibits that were submitted by Mr. Torres Medina. The Immigration Judge then informed the parties that he would not be able to consider the bond without hearing testimony from the victim in Mr. Torres Medina's state court criminal case in which he is charged with domestic violence. Mr. Torres Medina's counsel then moved for a continuance, which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) opposed. The Immigration Judge reviewed this Court's Order Granting Petition for Habeas Corpus and agreed with Mr. Torres Medina's counsel that by holding the hearing today, the parties had complied with this Court's order. The bond hearing should be concluded on April 1, 2026.

3. REQUEST TO SET A NEW DEADLINE TO FILE AN UPDATED SECOND STATUS REPORT AFTER THE APRIL 1, 2026 BOND HEARING

Because the bond hearing will not be concluded until April 1, 2026, Respondents ask the Court to order that they have until April 6, 2026 to file a second, updated status report regarding the conclusion of the rescheduled bond hearing.

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This updated status report would notify the Court whether Mr. Torres Medina has been granted bond and, if his request for bond was denied, the reasons for that denial.

DATED: March 30, 2026.

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