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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' SECOND UPDATED 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. 29), Respondents submit this Second Updated Status Report regarding the custody redetermination hearing (bond hearing) which was held for Petitioner Armando Jesus Torres Medina (Torres Medina) on April 1, 2026 under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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2. SECOND UPDATED STATUS REPORT RE: BOND HEARING HELD ON APRIL 1, 2026 PER THIS COURT'S ORDER

On April 1, 2026, in compliance with this Court's Memorandum Decision and Order Granting Petition for Habeas Corpus (Dkt. 27) and its follow-up Docket Text Order (Dkt. 29), Mr. Torres Medina was provided with a custody redetermination hearing (or bond hearing) under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). At that hearing, the Immigration judge denied bond, finding that Mr. Torres Medina had not met his burden of establishing that he was not a danger to the community.¹ Mr. Torres Medina has until May 1, 2026, to appeal his denial of bond.

At his master calendar hearing, Mr. Torres Medina claimed to have entered the United States near Lukeville, Arizona around 2023. He conceded the charge against him under 8 U.S.C. § 1182(a)(6)(A)(i) that he is an alien present in the United States without being admitted or paroled, or who arrived in the United States at any time or place other than as designated by the Attorney General. The Immigration Judge then sustained this charge. Venezuela was designated as Mr. Torres Medina's country of removal. His next merits hearing has been set for April 20, 2026.

DATED: April 6, 2026.

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¹ Mr. Torres Medina was charged in Utah State Court, with domestic-violence-related crimes, including (1) theft of a firearm or operable motor vehicle in violation of Utah Code 76-6-404(2) (3AII) (a 2nd Degree Felony); (2) aggravated assault in violation of Utah Code 76-5-103(2) + (3A) (a 3rd Degree Felony); and (3) reckless endangerment in violation of Utah Code 76-5-112 (a Class A Misdemeanor).