

**U.S. District Court
Southern District of Florida (Miami)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:26-cv-21127-AHS**

Mixtega-Cortes v. Noem et al
Assigned to: Judge Raag Singhal
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Federal)

Date Filed: 02/19/2026
Date Terminated: 03/12/2026
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus – Alien
Detainee
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/19/2026	<u>1</u>	APPLICATION/PETITION (Complaint) for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2241 . Filing fee \$ 5.00 receipt number AFLSDC-19237276, filed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A I589 Biometrics, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B Employment Authorization Card, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C Florida Driver License, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D Children's Birth Certificates, # <u>6</u> Exhibit E Immigration Judge's Order, # <u>7</u> Summon(s) Attorney General, # <u>8</u> Summon(s) Civil Process Clerk, # <u>9</u> Summon(s) Director of ICE, # <u>10</u> Summon(s) Director, Field Office Miami, # <u>11</u> Summon(s) Secretary of Department of Homeland Security) Case restricted pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 02/19/2026)
02/19/2026	<u>2</u>	Clerks Notice of Judge Assignment to Judge Raag Singhal. (ksr) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to Pamela Bondi, Todd Lyons, Kristi Noem, Garrett Ripa, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (ksr) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>4</u>	Clerk's Notice to Filer re: Electronic Case. Party(ies) Improperly Formatted. The Filer failed to enter the party name(s) in accordance with the CM/ECF Format for Adding Parties for Attorneys Guide. The correction was made. It is not necessary to re-file the document. (ksr) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>5</u>	Notice of NO Pending, Refiled, Related or Similar Actions by Elias Mixtega-Cortes (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>6</u>	Certificate of Other Affiliates/Corporate Disclosure Statement by Elias Mixtega-Cortes (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by Francisco Fraerly Symphorien-Saavedra on behalf of Elias Mixtega-Cortes (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/20/2026	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Attorney Appearance by John Steven Leinicke on behalf of Pamela Bondi, Todd Lyons, Kristi Noem, Garrett Ripa. Attorney John Steven Leinicke added to party Pamela Bondi(pty:res), Attorney John Steven Leinicke added to party Todd Lyons(pty:res), Attorney John Steven Leinicke added to party Kristi Noem(pty:res), Attorney John Steven Leinicke added to party Garrett Ripa(pty:res). (Leinicke, John) (Entered: 02/20/2026)
02/23/2026	<u>9</u>	PAPERLESS ORDER requiring Respondents show cause why Petitioner's <u>1</u> Emergency Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus should not be granted. Respondents are specifically directed to brief <i>Sopo v. U.S. Attorney General</i> and its progeny's application to this case. Signed by Judge Raag Singhal on 2/23/2026. (rg01) (Entered: 02/23/2026)
03/02/2026	<u>10</u>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. Pamela Bondi served on 2/27/2026, response/answer due 4/28/2026. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
03/02/2026	<u>11</u>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. Kristi Noem served on 2/26/2026, response/answer due 4/27/2026. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
03/02/2026	<u>12</u>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. Todd Lyons served on 2/26/2026, response/answer due 4/27/2026. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
03/02/2026	<u>13</u>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. Garrett Ripa served on 2/26/2026, response/answer due 4/27/2026. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 03/02/2026)

03/02/2026	<u>14</u>	SUMMONS (Affidavit) Returned Executed by Elias Mixtega-Cortes. Additional Service and date on USAO served on 02/25/2026. (Symphorien-Saavedra, Francisco) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
03/04/2026	<u>15</u>	PAPERLESS ORDER requiring Respondents to file their response to this Court's 9 paperless order to show cause by March 13, 2026. Signed by Judge Raag Singhal on 3/4/2026. (rg01) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
03/04/2026	<u>1</u>	Set Deadlines Show Cause Response due by 3/13/2026. Per DE 15 . (ksr) (Entered: 03/05/2026)
03/12/2026	<u>16</u>	Joint MOTION to Change Venue <i>and Re-Set Case Deadlines</i> by Pamela Bondi, Todd Lyons, Kristi Noem, Garrett Ripa. Responses due by 3/26/2026. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Petitioner's Detention History, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Leinicke, John) (Entered: 03/12/2026)
03/12/2026	<u>17</u>	ORDER Closing Case. Granting in part and denying in part <u>16</u> Joint MOTION to Change Venue <i>and Re-Set Case Deadlines</i> filed by Kristi Noem, Todd Lyons, Garrett Ripa, Pamela Bondi. Signed by Judge Raag Singhal on 3/12/2026. <i>See attached document for full details.</i> (ksr) (Entered: 03/13/2026)