

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of Florida

JUAN EFREN GONZALEZ

Petitioner

v.

WARDEN, EVERGLADES CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTION*Respondent**(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)*Case No. 2:26-cv-745-SPC-DNF
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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: JUAN EFREN GONZALEZ
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Everglades Correctional Institution - Florida Soft Side South
(b) Address: 54575 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, FL 34141
(c) Your identification number: A [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☐ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☒ Other - explain:
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
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): I have a final order of removal and ICE is holding me while trying to remove me. I have been detained since November 2nd, 2025.

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*): ICE cannot remove me in the reasonably foreseeable future. Cuba has a long history of refusing or delaying acceptance of deportees in cases like mine. ICE has not provided any concrete plan, travel documents, or timeline for my removal. I have fully cooperated with all requests and procedures.

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: _____

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

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

The decision I am challenging is ICE's determination to continue detaining me under 8 U.S.C. § 1231(a)(6), even though my removal is not reasonably foreseeable and no travel documents or removal arrangements have been secured.

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action7. **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: 11/02/2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 06/19/2017

(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: This case concerns immigration detention following a final order of removal. I am not challenging the removal order itself, only ICE's continued detention.

(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: _____

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: My continued detention violates the Due Process Clause as interpreted in *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). I have been detained beyond the presumptively reasonable six month period, and there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future. ICE has not secured travel documents, and Cuba routinely refuses or delays repatriation. Continued detention is therefore unlawful.

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

I pose no danger to the community and no flight risk. I have been happily married to my wife, Ana Yancy Garcia, a U.S. Citizen, since 04/24/2021. As of my release date of 05/29/2017, I have completed all sentences. I have complied with all ICE requirements and will continue to do so if released under supervision.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

GROUND TWO:

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND THREE:

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

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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GROUND FOUR:

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

(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 request immediate release under reasonable conditions of supervision pursuant to *Zadvydas v. Davis*.

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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:

x Juan E. Gajardo 2-14-26

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: x 2-14-26

x Juan E. Gajardo
Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any