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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF UTAH

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EDWIN ADOLFO LEMUS CRISTALES,

Petitioner,

vs.

RYAN ARBON, Weber County Sheriff; RUBEN LEYVA, Acting Field Office Director, Salt Lake City Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE/ERO); BRIAN HENKE Field Office Director for Las Vegas/Salt Lake City; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary United States Department of Homeland Security; and PAMELA BONDI, U.S. Attorney General,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:26-cv-00217-JNP

**FEDERAL RESPONDENTS'  
STATUS REPORT RE: BOND  
HEARING**

District Judge Jill N. Parrish

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Per the Court's order (ECF No. 17), Federal Respondents<sup>1</sup> submit this status report regarding the custody redetermination hearing (bond hearing) which was held for Petitioner Edwin Adolfo Lemus Cristales ("Mr. Lemus") on April 6, 2026 under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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<sup>1</sup> The Federal Respondents include all respondents other than RYAN ARBON, Weber County Sheriff, in his official capacity.

**2. STATUS REPORT RE: BOND HEARING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2026 PER THIS COURT'S ORDER**

On April 6, 2026, in compliance with this Court's Memorandum Decision and Order Granting Petition for Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 17), Mr. Lemus was provided with a custody redetermination hearing (or bond hearing) under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). The hearing took place at the Adelanto Immigration Court before Immigration Judge Vikram Badrinath. At the hearing, Mr. Lemus was represented by Christopher Vizcardo, who is also counsel of record in the instant matter. (Exh. 1 [Form E-28 Notice of Appearance].)

After full consideration of the evidence presented at the hearing, Immigration Judge Badrinath DENIED the request for a change in custody status. Although a written decision memorializing the immigration judge's bond order has not yet been issued, the digital audio recording from the hearing is available to Mr. Vizcardo in his capacity as immigration counsel for Mr. Lemus via the EOIR<sup>2</sup> Court and Appeals System ("ECAS") at [portal.eoir.justice.gov](http://portal.eoir.justice.gov). In his recorded oral decision, the Immigration Judge denied the bond request, finding that the "respondent [Mr. Lemus] has failed to meet his burden of proof that he is not a danger to the community." In the alternative, the judge found that Mr. Lemus presents a flight risk.

DATED: April 9, 2026.

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<sup>2</sup> Executive Office of Immigration Review