

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BY: CLV DEPUTY

Daniel Alberto Mejia
Petitioner

v.

Case No. '26CV1922 JES DEB
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

Warden: Christopher La Rose
Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241
Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Daniel Alberto Mejia
(b) Other names you have used: Daniel Alberto Mejia

2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Corrections Corp Of America
(b) Address: 7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego CA 92154

(c) Your identification number: 
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
 Federal authorities State authorities Other - explain:

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): _____

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): _____

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

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: Olaj Mesa Immigration Court

7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego CA 92154

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

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

I have been detained since November 2025 and has been denied my release on bail.

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **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: _____
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____
- (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: _____

(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: _____

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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: I have come across limitations as part of me, being detained here at the Otay Mesa Detention Center.

(a) Supporting facts (Be brief Do not cite cases or law):

I was detained on November 5, 2025 and arrived at the Otay Mesa Detention Center on November 10, 2025. I was transferred from Utah, Wyoming and Arizona. The limitation here is gathering all legal document and evidence for my immigration case. The limitation comes partly from communication as most forms of communication are monitored and have a cost.

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

Yes No

GROUND TWO: I was able to submit a petition to be given a bail hearing but was denied in the end.

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

I was scheduled for a bail hearing on March 13, 2026 but was denied. The reason I was denied was because the Honorable Judge, IJ Catherine Halliday Roberts, made her decision based on my entry into the United States.

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

Yes No

GROUND THREE: Here in the Otay Mesa Detention Center the living conditions have been affecting me.

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

I arrived here on November 10, 2025 and found to be suffering from insomnia. Also the medical care is scarce because I submitted a sick call on January 27, 2026 and was not called up for it. Also with the malnutrient in the food I can find myself low on energy. The food can also be found to be served on dirty plates, spoons, and cups.

(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 would like the court to release me from the Olay Mesa Detention Center on parole, supervision, or bail as it was denied towards me. I would prefer to not be placed with a GPS tracker if possible. Also I would like to be given a legal document that can protect me from an arrest without a court order.

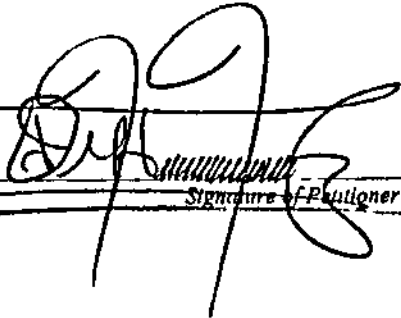
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Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

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: 03/27/2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

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Instructions

1. **Who Should Use This Form.** You should use this form if
 - you are a federal prisoner and you wish to challenge the way your sentence is being carried out (*for example, you claim that the Bureau of Prisons miscalculated your sentence or failed to properly award good time credits*);
 - you are in federal or state custody because of something other than a judgment of conviction (*for example, you are in pretrial detention or are awaiting extradition*); or
 - you are alleging that you are illegally detained in immigration custody.
2. **Who Should Not Use This Form.** You should not use this form if
 - you are challenging the validity of a federal judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255*);
 - you are challenging the validity of a state judgment of conviction and sentence (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254*); or
 - you are challenging a final order of removal in an immigration case (*these challenges are generally raised in a petition for review directly with a United States Court of Appeals*).
3. **Preparing the Petition.** The petition must be typed or neatly written, and you must sign and date it under penalty of perjury. A false statement may lead to prosecution.
4. **Answer all the questions.** You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or correct information. If you want to submit any legal arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum. Be aware that any such memorandum may be subject to page limits set forth in the local rules of the court where you file this petition. If you attach additional pages, number the pages and identify which section of the petition is being continued. All filings must be submitted on paper sized 8½ by 11 inches. Do not use the back of any page.
5. **Supporting Documents.** In addition to your petition, you must send to the court a copy of the decisions you are challenging and a copy of any briefs or administrative remedy forms filed in your case.
6. **Required Filing Fee.** You must include the \$5 filing fee required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). If you are unable to pay the filing fee, you must ask the court for permission to proceed in forma pauperis – that is, as a person who cannot pay the filing fee – by submitting the documents that the court requires.
7. **Submitting Documents to the Court.** Mail your petition and _____ copies to the clerk of the United States District Court for the district and division in which you are confined. For a list of districts and divisions, see 28 U.S.C. §§ 81-131. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.

If you want a file-stamped copy of the petition, you must enclose an additional copy of the petition and ask the court to file-stamp it and return it to you.
8. **Change of Address.** You must immediately notify the court in writing of any change of address. If you do not, the court may dismiss your case.

Olay Mesa Detention Center - San Diego

March 17, 2026

U.S. District Court
Southern of California (San Diego)

RE: HABEAS CORPUS

The undersigned, Daniel Alberto Mejia, Salvadorean nationality
with citizenship and, A number # [REDACTED] detained in Olay
Mesa Detention Center - San Diego by immigration, I request
to apply for Habeas Corpus.

- 1- I entered the USA on August 13, 2005, through the Texas border.
- 2- When I entered the country, I lived in the state of Yuta.
The salt lake city ut.
- 3- I was arrested in west valley, the I was moved to wyoming
and the back to west valley, after that I was transferred to
Florence Arizona, then I was moved again to San Diego to
the Olay Mesa Detention Center Cor. Que, where I have been
arrested for 4 months.
- 4- I was arrested on November 5, 2025, in west Valley City
ut 84114. I was on my way to work in my vehicle, when
they stopped me by cutting me off and arrested me
without any arrest warrant

[Handwritten signature]

Daniel Alberto Mejia

Att [REDACTED]

Olay Mesa Detention Center

PO BOX 439649

San Diego - CA 92143-9649

Pat: [REDACTED]

I, Daniel Alberto Mejia, am writing this letter to
whomever it is addressed to. I Daniel Alberto Mejia
have also been affected more since my immigration bond
was denied by the Judge, J Catherine Italliday Roberts.

I am a hard-working person in this beautiful country, the
USA, I have been here since 13 August 2005, and I feel that,
I am a good citizen. I am not a danger to society.
I am a man dedicated to my family, my wife and my
children. I also help my mother and siblings.

I'm also afraid and sad to be separated from my family,
because I don't want to return to my country alone.

[REDACTED] and my wife

Maria Guadalupe Menjivar.

I came to this beautiful country to work hard and help my
family.

Since I was arrested on 5 November 2025, it has been a difficult
time for me and my family here at the day Mesa Detention
Center. I have problems with insomnia, poor diet, and I feel
that being detained is affecting my health, my mother is
also affected, and so are my children. My daughter who is
only a [REDACTED] 9 years old, is very attached to
me. As a father, I am a very responsible man with my
children.