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April 06, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

LUIS DANIEL MARTINEZ VAZQUEZ,	§	
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Petitioner,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:26-cv-2582
	§	
MARKWAYNE MULLIN, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Respondents.	§	

ORDER TO ANSWER

Petitioner Luis Daniel Martinez Vazquez is presently in custody of United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials at the Houston Contract Detention Facility. Represented by counsel, the petitioner has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to challenge his detention. Preliminary examination reflects that an expedited answer is needed.

Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, et seq., the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Within **five (5) days** of this order, the petitioner is instructed to provide the Court with his A-number.
2. The Clerk shall serve copies of the petition (Dkt. 1) and this order on the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas by electronic mail to: USATXS.CivilNotice@usdoj.gov.
3. The proper respondent must file an answer or other appropriate responsive pleading within **twenty (20) days** of the date of service and will forward a copy of same to the petitioner.

4. In addition to any defense (in law or fact) to a claim for relief by the petitioner, the respondent's answer shall contain: (a) a statement of the authority by which the petitioner is held and, if held under the judgment of a court or administrative tribunal, the name of such court or tribunal and the number and style of the case(s) in which those judgments were entered; and (b) a statement as to whether the petitioner has exhausted all available administrative remedies.

5. Whether the respondent elects to submit an answer or a dispositive motion, the petitioner must file any response within **ten (10) days** of the date reflected on the certificate of service. Under the Court's local rules, the petitioner's failure to respond will be considered a representation that the petitioner does not oppose the motion. *See* S.D. Tex. L.R. 7.4. If the petitioner fails to comply on time, the Court may dismiss this case for want of prosecution pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. The respondent must notify petitioner's counsel and the Court of any anticipated or planned transfer of the petitioner outside of the Southern District of Texas **at least five (5) days before** any such transfer.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas on _____ April 06, 2026 _____.



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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE