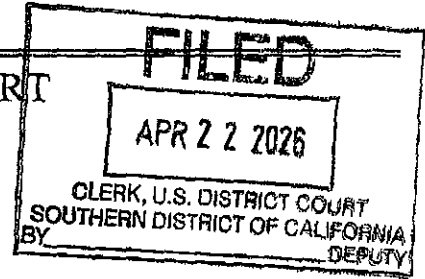


AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the



Daniel Lopez Mendoza
Petitioner

v.

Case No. '26CV2560 JO JLB
(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 Lopez Mendoza
- (b) Other names you have used: _____
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: Olay Mesa Immigration Court

7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego Ca 92154

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [REDACTED]

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

I have been detained since October 8, 2025 and was 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: The reason for why I did not appeal is an appeal takes approximately 6 months or more meaning I can be detained for 1 year or more.

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 been detained since October 8, 2025 by Border Patrol and was then transferred to ICE. ICE then brought me to the Olay Mesa Detention Center.

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

On October 8, 2025, Border Patrol detained me in the city of San Diego, Ca. I then arrived to the Olay Mesa Detention Center on October 12, 2025. I then started my immigration process here but the Honorable Judge dismissed my case on February 26, 2026. As well the Honorable Judge ordered me to be sent to a third world country, that is unknown to me, but with no date line.

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

Yes No

GROUND TWO: I was presented with a bail hearing but was denied my release on bail.

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

On March 2026, I was denied my release on bail due to being classified as a risk of leaving the United States. I have been in the United States since 2020 and in addition I am a person with good morals, not only by me but my community.

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

Yes No

GROUND THREE: As part of my time in the Olay Mesa Detention Center, I have come across limitations and difficulties.

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

In the Olay Mesa Detention Center the limitations I have come across will first be the forms of communication since the forms of communications have a cost and are only available only during certain times of the day. Also in addition if I would like additional food, commissary, there is a cost which leaves me in a financial struggle since I have no source of income. The food served to me and other detainees can be found to be served on dirty plates, forks and or 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 for the Honorable Court to release me from the Otay Mesa Detention Center through supervision, parole, bail, or what the Honorable Court feels is ideal. In addition I would like to be assigned a public defender, if I meet all the requirements.

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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:

4/15/2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any