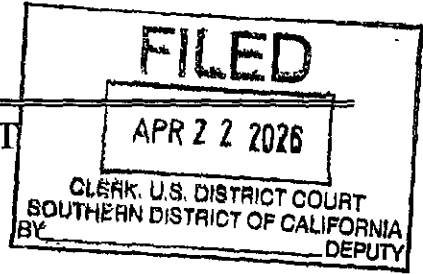


AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the Southern District of California

AJAYA RANA

Petitioner

v.

CHRISTOPHER LAROSE

WARDEN, OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER

Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. '26 CV2563 RBM DDL (Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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

Personal Information


- 1. (a) Your full name: AJAYA RANA (b) Other names you have used: N/A
2. Place of confinement: (a) Name of institution: OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER (b) Address: 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92154
3. Are you currently being held on orders by: [X] 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:
[X] 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: OTAY MESA IMMIGRATION COURT, 7488 CALZADA DE LA FUENTE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92154.
- (b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 
- (c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed):
DENIAL OF BOND HEARING
- (d) Date of the decision or action: 02/11/2026

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: BIA (BOARD OF IMMIGRATION APPEALS)
- (2) Date of filing: 02/24/2026
- (3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 
- (4) Result: N/A
- (5) Date of result: N/A
- (6) Issues raised: I ARGUED THE ERROR OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE DECISION DENYING MY BOND HEARING ON 02/11/2026.
- (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: _____

I ALREADY FILED WITH THE BIA AND I AM WAITING FOR A RESPONSE

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: _____

N/A

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:

N/A

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

Yes No

If "Yes," provide:

- (a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 01/08/2025
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 12/01/2025
- (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: 12/30/2025
- (2) Case number: 221390337
- (3) Result: PENDING
- (4) Date of result: N/A
- (5) Issues raised: I APPEALED THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE DECISION DENYING MY RELIEF FOR ASYLUM, WITHHOLDING OF REMOVAL AND CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE.

(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: HABEAS CORPUS PETITION PROPERLY GRANTED BY A FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE - BOND HEARING NOT HELD ON NEUTRAL GROUNDS.

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

I was granted my petition of habeas corpus on 2/2/2026 by a federal judge ordering respondents to grant me a bond hearing within 14 days of the order. During the course of this hearing I was unrepresented as my immigration lawyer failed to appear due to unknown reasons. I had this hearing alone after requesting the that the immigration judge should reschedule my bond hearing due to lack of attorney and necessary evidence to proof that I am not a flight risk, This request was denied even though i had 5 days left from my bond order.

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

Yes No

GROUND TWO: INABILITY TO SHOW BURDEN OF PROOF DUE TO LACK OF NECESSARY EVIDENCE DURING THE COURSE OF MY BOND HEARING.

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

I have the necessary evidence to prove that I am not at flight risk nor am I a danger to the community, I could not submit this evidence because i was unrepresented and unprepared. I requested for the immigration judge to give me more time to submit the necessary evidence properly with the court and prepare for my bond hearing, this request was ultimately denied by the immigration judge subjecting me to failure to apply the correct burden of proof. My bond was wrongly denied, I was not given a chance to prove that i meet the necessary burden of proof.

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

Yes No

GROUND THREE: EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES.

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

I have exhausted the administrative remedies concerning my bond hearing. I sent my appeal to the BIA on 2/24/2026 without a lawyer stating that my bond was wrongfully denied due to the reasons I stated above. I do not know if it is pending with the BIA or not, as it was my first time appealing the decision of an immigration judge by myself. I believe that I have exhausted my administrative remedies by sending my appeal to the BIA, I have not heard any response from the BIA and that is why I am re-petitioning with this district court as my last resort.

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

Yes No

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GROUND FOUR: ALTERNATIVE TO A BOND HEARING ORDER.

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

The district court has jurisdiction to order the respondents to immediately release the petitioner from detention as an alternative due to the fact that my bond was wrongfully denied by an immigration judge. If the this honorable court orders the same bond hearing order I could be subjected to the same decision.

(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: ALL GROUNDS WERE PRESENTED.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: I respectfully request that this honorable court;

1) Order respondents to immediately release petitioner from detention

2) Grant any other relief it so deems proper.

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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:

04-13-2026

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: 04-12-2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any