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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

AWET KIBROM MICHAEL,

Petitioner,

v.

MARKWAYNE MULLIN, Secretary of
the Department of Homeland Security,
TODD BLANCHE, Acting Attorney
General, TODD M. LYONS, Acting
Director, Immigration and Customs
Enforcement, JESUS ROCHA, Acting
Field Office Director, San Diego Field
Office, JEREMY CASEY, Warden at
Imperial Regional Detention Facility,

Respondents.

Case No.: 26-cv-2867-JLS-JLB

STATUS REPORT

1 On May 6, 2026, Mr. Michael filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus
2 alleging that he should be released under *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001),
3 because his removal to Eritrea was not significantly likely in the reasonably
4 foreseeable future. ECF No. 1. In their Return, Respondents contended that his
5 petition would not be ripe for review until July 14, 2026, because his order of
6 removal did not become administratively final until January 14, 2026. ECF No. 4
7 at 2, 4. Mr. Michael filed a traverse on May 20, 2026.

8 Mr. Michael hereby advises the Court that his order of removal became
9 final over six months ago, and he remains detained in immigration custody.
10 Therefore, he requests that this Court issue a decision granting his petition and
11 ordering his immediate release.

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13 Respectfully submitted,

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15 Dated: July 20, 2026

s/ Kara Hartzler

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