

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

Melvin GONZALEZ RAMIREZ,

Petitioner,

v.

Michael WILLIAMS, et al.,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-03334-ELR-RDC

PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243, Petitioner Melvin Gonzalez Ramirez, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that this Court issue “forthwith” an order directing Respondents to show cause why his amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 should not be granted.

Mr. Gonzalez Ramirez challenges his unlawful detention in Respondents’ custody. *See Dkt. 1*. The federal habeas corpus statute provides that “[a] court, justice or judge entering a writ of habeas corpus shall forthwith [1] award the writ or [2] issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Respondents may then file a “return”

within three days, “unless for good cause additional time, not exceeding twenty days, is allowed.” *Id.*

Accordingly, Mr. Gonzalez Ramirez requests that the Court immediately issue an Order to Show Cause directing Respondents to file a return within seven days of the Court’s order, showing cause, if any, why the writ of habeas corpus should not be granted, and to provide Petitioner an opportunity to file a reply within five days after Respondents file the return.

In addition, to preserve Petitioner’s access to his counsel in Atlanta and the Court’s ability to grant full relief in this matter, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court order Respondents not to transfer Petitioner out of the North District of Georgia during the pendency of this proceeding.

Dated: June 16, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 16, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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