UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL

Case No. 5:26-cv-03709-KS Date: July 13, 2026

Title *Jorge Gonzalo Samaniego v. Markwayne Mullin et al.*

Present: The Honorable: Karen L. Stevenson, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge

Kerri Hays	N/A
Deputy Clerk	Court Reporter / Recorder

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff:	Attorneys Present for Defendants:
N/A	N/A

Proceedings: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER TEMPORARILY STAYING PETITIONER'S TRANSFER OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The Court is in receipt of Petitioner's "Emergency Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order Prohibiting Petitioner's Transfer from This District" ("Ex Parte Application"), filed on July 3, 2026. (Dkt. No. 2.) In the Ex Parte Application, Petitioner's retained counsel represents that he was notified by the government of Respondents' intention to transfer Petitioner imminently from the Adelanto ICE Processing Center. (*Id.* at 2.) Petitioner, therefore, seeks temporary injunctive relief prohibiting his transfer outside the Central District of California pending adjudication of the pending Petition. (*Id.* at 5.)

The Court finds that Petitioner's Ex Parte Application does not, in fact, seek preliminary relief on his pending habeas petition. The Petition, separate and apart from the threat of transfer, seeks immediate release on the grounds that the government has violated due process and has erroneously classified Petitioner's status under the governing statutes. (Dkt. No. 1 at 14-27.)

The Court further finds that, in lieu of temporary injunctive relief, Petitioner's Ex Parte Application merely asks this Court to retain jurisdiction over the Petition.

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Based upon the foregoing, to provide the Court and the parties an adequate opportunity to respond to and determine the issues pertaining to the pending Petition, the Court hereby **ORDERS PETITIONER'S PENDING TRANSFER TEMPORARILY STAYED**. Respondents may not transfer Petitioner outside of the Central District of California while this stay is in place. The Court will lift this stay after the Court has considered the merits of the Petition and the relevant briefing, and determines that no issues remain to be decided in the pending habeas proceeding.

In light of the issuance of this stay, the Court **DENIES** Petitioner's Ex Parte Application as MOOT. (Dkt. No. 2.)

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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