

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of Florida



Kenol Mayant

Petitioner

v.

ICE & Warden Of North Florida Detention Facility

Respondent

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

Case No. 3:26-cv-1614-MMH-MCR
(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: Kenol Mayant
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: North Florida Detention Facility
(b) Address: 20706 U S Highway 90 West
Sanderson, Florida 32087
(c) Your identification number: [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☐ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☒ Other - explain:
ICE Detention
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)

- ☐ 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: _____

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

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

US Immigration and Custom Enforcement refusing to release me from Immigration detention after 180 days.

(d) Date of the decision or action: 10/01/2025

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: _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second 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 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

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

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: _____

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: Prolonged Detention Without Meaningful Review Violates Due Process

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 Do not cite cases or law.)*:

ICE detained me in approximately October 2025 while I was traveling to work with coworkers. I have remained detained at North Florida Detention Facility, 20706 U.S. Highway 90 West, Sanderson, Florida 32087. I have been detained for many months while my immigration proceedings continue. My appeal was received on May 11 2026, 2026 and remains pending. There is no definite date for the conclusion of my appeal proceedings. My continued detention has become prolonged and imposes a severe hardship on me and my family.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO: Continued Detention Is Excessive Because Removal Is Not Reasonably Foreseeable While Appeal Is Pending.

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 Do not cite cases or law.)*:

The Immigration Judge entered a removal order on April 16, 2026. I timely appealed that decision. The appeal remains pending before the appellate immigration authorities. Because the appeal is still pending, my removal cannot be immediately executed. There is no certainty regarding when a final decision will be issued. Continued detention during this extended period is unreasonable and warrants judicial review.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE: Violation of Procedural Due Process

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

I have remained detained for an extended period without obtaining meaningful relief from detention. My liberty interests are substantially affected by continued confinement. The prolonged nature of my detention requires heightened procedural protections. Continued detention without adequate review raises serious constitutional concerns under the Due Process Clause.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND FOUR: Habeas Relief Is Necessary to Prevent Unlawful Restraint of Liberty

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

I have complied with all immigration proceedings available to me

I exercised my legal right to appeal the removal order.

I remain detained while awaiting a decision on that appeal.

My detention has become prolonged and indefinite in nature.

Federal habeas review is necessary to ensure that my detention remains lawful and constitutionally permissible.

(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: Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court:

Issue a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241; Grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Order Respondents to justify Petitioner's continued detention;

Order Petitioner's release under reasonable conditions of supervision, or alternatively;

Order a prompt custody or bond hearing before a neutral decision-maker;

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

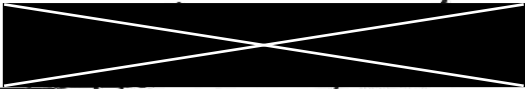
If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

6/15/26

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:

6/15/26


Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any