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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTfor the
Eastern District of California**JUL 10 2026**

Kenol Mayant

Petitioner

v.

Warden of California City Detention Facility
& ICE*Respondent*

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

CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIABY _____
DEPUTY CLERKCase No. 1:26-cv-5332-DC-SCR
(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: None
2. Place of confinement:
 - (a) Name of institution: California City Detention Facility
 - (b) Address: 22844 Virginia Boulevard
California City CA 93505
 - (c) Your identification number: 
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):

Immigration not releasing me

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

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: Petitioner's Continued Detention Violates Due Process Because It Is Not Supported by an Individualized Justification.

My detention is civil in nature, and I respectfully contend that my continued detention without adequate justification violates my constitutional right to due process.

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 Do not cite cases or law.*):

On October 17, 2025, I was riding as a passenger in a friend's vehicle when law enforcement stopped the vehicle. I believe that the vehicle was stopped because the occupants were Hispanic. I had not committed any crime and merely a passenger. The following day, on October 18, 2025, I was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). I have remained in immigration detention since that time.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO:

Prior Release by the Immigration Court Demonstrates My History of Compliance with Immigration Proceedings.

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 Do not cite cases or law.*):

In 2009, I was previously detained by immigration authorities. After reviewing my case, the Immigration Court ordered my release. I complied with the Immigration Court's orders following my release and remained in the community for many years. My prior compliance demonstrates that I have a history of appearing for immigration proceedings and respecting the legal process.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE:

Strong Family Ties Demonstrate That I Am Neither a Flight Risk Nor a Danger to the Community.

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

I have been married to a United States citizen for many years. My wife previously filed an immigrant visa petition (Form I-130) on my behalf, and that petition was approved in 2009. We have two United States citizen children who depend upon me emotionally and financially. My continued detention has caused significant hardship to my family. These family ties demonstrate that I have every reason to comply with future immigration proceedings and remain available to the Court.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND FOUR: Continued Detention Prevents Me From Effectively Pursuing My Immigration Case.

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

Because I remain in ICE custody, my ability to communicate with counsel, gather evidence, obtain supporting documents, and prepare my immigration case has been substantially limited.

My detention has impaired my ability to effectively pursue the immigration relief for which I may be eligible.

(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: ICE Failed to Provide Reasonable Protection While I Was in Civil Immigration Custody.

While detained at the Baxter Detention Facility, on or about June 14, 2026, I was attacked by other detainees while i was asleep. As a result of the assault, I suffered injuries to my face, eyes, and ribs. An incident report was report was prepared following the assault. After the incident, I was transferred to a detention facility in California.

Request for Relief

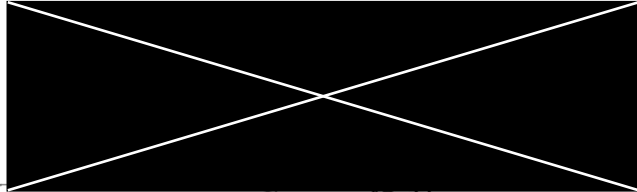
15. State exactly what you want the court to do: For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that this Court Grant this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus; Order my release from ICE custody, or alternatively order an individualized bond hearing if appropriate under the law; Grant any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

7/5/26

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.

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Date:

7/5/26

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any