

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Middle District of Georgia

FAHAD SHAHBAZ

Petitioner

v.

Warden, Stewart Detention Center,
Markwayne Mullin Secretary, DHS; Todd M Lyons,
Performing the Duties of the ICE and Todd Blanche

Respondent

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

Case No. 4:26-cv-1008-CDL-AGH
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: FAHAD SHAHBAZ
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Stewart Detention Center
(b) Address: 146 CCA Road
Lumpkin, GA 31815
(c) Your identification number: A [REDACTED]
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☒ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain: _____
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)

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- ☐ 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: Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: A [REDACTED]

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

I have been continuously detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") since 11/25/2024. An order of removal became final in my case on November 17, 2025. Since my removal order became final, I have remained in ICE custody for more than six months. I do not know when, or if, my removal will occur.

(d) Date of the decision or action: 11/17/2025

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

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(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

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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: 11/25/2024
- (b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 11/17/2025
- (c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?
☐ Yes ☒ No

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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: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

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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: The Fifth Amendment prohibits the government from detaining indefinitely or for an unreasonably prolonged period without adequate procedural safeguards.

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

I have been detained in the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement since 11/25/2024 without a bond hearing before a neutral arbiter.

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

GROUND TWO: Immigration detention has become punitive and no longer serve regulatory purpose.

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

I have repeatedly asked ICE officers and detention staff about my status, and on several occasions, ICE personnel informed me that my removal had not yet occurred because they were still attempting to obtain the necessary travel documents for my return to Pakistan. At other times, ICE personnel told me that logistical or funding issues were contributing to delays.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND THREE: My continued detention has caused me significant emotional and psychological hardship.

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

The uncertainty regarding my future and the length of my detention have been extremely difficult for me and my family.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

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GROUND FOUR:

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

(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: I request the court to order my immediate release on reasonable conditions. In the alternate order the respondents to provide a hearing before a neutral arbiter within 7 days where the DHS bears the burden to establish by clear and convincing evidence that I am either danger to community or flight risk.

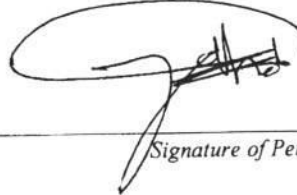
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Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

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: 7-6-26



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

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