

AO 242 (Rev. 12-13-10) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

APR 10 2025

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Western for the Louisiana

DANIEL J. MCCOY, CLERK

BY:

Dana Ricketts
Petitioner

Department of Homeland Security
Immigration Customs Enforcement

Case No. 25-cv-0484 Sec P

(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

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

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Dana Ricketts
(b) Other names you have used: Damian Ricketts
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: South Louisiana ICE Processing Center
(b) Address: 3843 E Stagg Avenue, Basile, LA 70515
(c) Your identification number: [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: N/A
(b) Docket number of criminal case: N/A
(c) Date of sentencing: N/A
☒ 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: DHS/ICE 3843 C Stagg Avenue

Basile, LA 70515

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

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

Immigration prolong Detention

(d) Date of the decision or action: 3-24-25

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: N/A

(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: have not ~~known~~ had a final
decision

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: _____

N/A

(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: _____

N/A

(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: _____

N/A

- (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: _____

N/A

- (c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

N/A

11. Appeals of immigration proceedings

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: _____

2-23-24

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____

2-12-24

(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: _____

N/A

(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: _____

N/A

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: _____

N/A

(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: prolong Detention

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

I have been in detention for 13 months which is an unreasonable amount of time.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO: Detained with out bail determination

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

I have not had another bail determination

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE: In Immigration proceeding on charges that are currently pending in criminal court.

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

I currently have an open case in the state of Florida, west palm beach that led me into immigration. charges of Burglary, and Grand Theft 100,000.

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

☐ Yes

☒ No

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GROUND FOUR:

N/A

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

N/A

(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:

N/A

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: To be release into the custody of West Palm Beach to appear before pending charges or be released on supervision and ask the immigration court of release for change of venue to New Jersey, where petitioner, attorney and family reside other than 740 Hoover Street, Guaynabo, PR 00968

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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:

March 24, 2025 at South Louisiana Ice center 3843 C Steff Ave, Basile LA 70015

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:

3-24-25



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any