

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

GIAO PHONG LE NGUYEN,

*Petitioner,*

v.

KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; PAMELA BONDI, in her official capacity as Attorney General of the United States; TODD M. LYONS, in his official capacity as Acting Director and Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; MARY DE ANDA-YBARRA, in her official capacity as Field Office Director of the El Paso Field Office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations; and DORA CASTRO, in her official capacity as Warden of the Otero County Processing Center,

*Respondents.*

Case No. 2:25-cv-01198

JOINT STATUS REPORT

GIAO PHONG LE NGUYEN, 

Petitioner, through undersigned counsel, and Respondents, through Assistant United States Attorney Ryan Posey, respectfully submit this Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court's Order.

**1. Clarification of Petitioner's Detention Location**

The parties jointly inform the Court that Petitioner Giao Nguyen remains detained at the Otero County Processing Center. Any prior confusion regarding Petitioner's location appears to have resulted from difficulties locating him through the ICE online detainee locator. Both parties confirm that Petitioner is currently detained at Otero County Processing Center.

**2. Meet and Confer**

Counsel for Petitioner and Respondents conferred by telephone on January 20, 2026 regarding Petitioner's detention status, the posture of this habeas action, and the appropriate next steps.

**3. Agreement Regarding Response Deadline**

The parties have agreed that Respondents' response to the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus will be due seven (7) days from January 20, 2026, specifically on January 27, 2026. During this period, Respondents will confer with the relevant agency regarding Petitioner's detention and the issues raised in the petition.

**4. No Other Issues at This Time**

Aside from clarifying Petitioner's detention location and the agreed-upon response deadline, there are no additional matters the parties seek to raise with the Court at this time.

The parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report to apprise the Court of the above and to confirm their agreement regarding the briefing schedule.

January 20, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

GIAO PHONG LE NGUYEN,



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