

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
Austin Division

Jose Ignacio Mendoza-Lara,
Petitioner,

v.

Pamela Jo Bondi, United States
Attorney General, *et al.*,
Respondents.

No. 1:26-CV-00095-ADA-DH

Federal Respondents' Advisory to the Court Regarding Petitioner's Release Status

Respondents file this Advisory to notify the Court of Petitioner's release status from ICE custody, per the Court's Text Order of January 26, 2026. On January 14, 2026, Petitioner filed this habeas claim, seeking release from detention. ECF No. 1. In compliance with the Court's order, Petitioner was released from custody on January 27, 2026. Because Petitioner has been released from custody, this habeas petition is now moot. *See Bacilio-Sabastian v. Barr*, 980 F.3d 480, 483 (5th Cir. 2020) (habeas relief mooted where noncitizen released from custody). Therefore, Respondents respectfully request that the habeas petition be dismissed as moot.

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Respectfully submitted,

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