

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
El Paso Division

Reinaldo Lopez Armas,
Petitioner,

v.

Pamela Bondi, *et al.*,
Respondents.

Case No. 3:26-cv-00131-KC

**Federal Respondents' Advisory on Petitioner's Removal Status,
Pursuant to the Court's Order of February 4, 2026**

Federal¹ Respondents provide this advisory to the Court regarding Petitioner's removal status, per the Court's Order of February 4, 2026. ECF No. 9. Petitioner was removed from the United States on February 9, 2026, and is no longer in ICE custody. Because Petitioner has been removed, his habeas petition is now moot and should be dismissed or denied as moot. *See Manuel T. v. ICE*, No. 3:25cv2575-D-BK, 2025 WL 3765964 (N.D. Tex. Dec. 5, 2025) (citing *Francis v. Lynch*, 622 F. App'x 455 (5th Cir. 2015) (removal moots habeas petition seeking release from detention), and *Odus v. Ashcroft*, 61 F.App'x 121, 2003 WL 342719 (5th Cir. 2003)).

Therefore, Respondents respectfully request that the habeas petition be dismissed for want of jurisdiction or denied as moot.

Dated: February 17, 2026

¹ The Department of Justice represents only federal employees in this action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

Given that Petitioner was removed from the United States and has no known address to which Respondents can send a copy of the foregoing document, Respondents request that service upon the court clerk be considered proper service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(D).

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