United States District Court
Western District of Texas
San Antonio Division

Phalita Pun, Petitioner, v. Kristi Noem, *et. al.* Respondents.	No. 5:26-CV-0534-JKP

Federal Respondents' Status Report

Pursuant to the Court's order entered on February 4, 2026. The Respondents provide the following update regarding custody. Petitioner remains in custody as release was stayed pursuant to the Courts Order on February 5, 2026. ECF No.

Additionally, Respondents advise that technical difficulties with the DAR continue to persist, but Respondents are making every effort, to include after hour consultations with the agency to address them. Further, Respondents are still able to make an official proffer of the recording if necessary for the Court, if needed. Respondents will work diligently to file the recording by the Court imposed deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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