

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION

RIOS PORRAS, DUANI EFRAIN
BENITO,

Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN, ET. AL.

Respondents.

Case No. 4:26-cv-00272-CDL-AGH

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On March 20, 2026, the Court ordered parties to file a status report within 14 days. On March 23, 2026, the Court issued an order consolidating this case with related cases and administratively closing the case. This brief timely submits a status report.

Petitioner obtained a Section 1226(a) bond hearing on March 6, 2026, at which the Court denied his request for bond finding him ineligible for bond supposedly based on a finding of flight risk. As the immigration court technically ordered a bond hearing, Petitioner does not oppose keeping this case administratively closed until he files a new habeas action.

However, he wants this Court to know that, in the opinion of his attorney like other attorneys who regularly appear in immigration bond hearings, the March 6th bond hearing was not a fair hearing, and the immigration judge who conducted the hearing, immigration judge Bianca Brown¹, deprived Petitioner of due process of law by unfairly and erroneously deeming Petitioner bond ineligible as a supposed “significant risk of flight.” He believes this finding of flight risk is not supported by the then-existing evidence and was not made in good faith but is apparently designed to advance the deportation-first policy preferences of our *current* executive branch rather than providing “due process of law” as he understands it to mean in cases like *United States v. Salerno*, 481 U.S. 739 (1987) and *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S.678 (2001).

That said, this is just a status report, not an appeal brief. **Petitioner does not oppose keeping the case administratively closed at this time.**

¹ Immigration Judge Bianca Brown began hearing immigration cases in January 2020. She previously worked for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), serving from 2018 to 2019 as deputy chief counsel of the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) within the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA), and prior to then worked as an Assistant Chief Counsel (ACC) within, inter alia, ICE, DHS, OCC, and OPLA from 2011 to 2018. For context, this immigration judge denied 80.5% of asylum cases from 2022 to 2025 compared to a national asylum denial rate of 58.9% during the same period. See *TRAC Judge Reports*, Syracuse University, (available at <https://tracreports.org/immigration/reports/judgereports/00768SDC/index.html>).

1 Respectfully submitted this March 23, 2026.

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