

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION**

Victor Matul Lopez,

Petitioner,

v.

Warden, Stewart Detention Center,

Respondent.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 4:26-cv-
00375-CDL-ALS

PETITIONER'S STATUS REPORT

On March 11, 2026, the Court granted Petitioner's habeas corpus petition and ordered Respondents to provide Petitioner with a bond hearing within seven (7) days. On April 1, 2026, the Court ordered Petitioner to file a status report or a notice of voluntary dismissal of the above-styled action. Petitioner hereby informs the Court of Petitioner's intention to file a Motion to Enforce the March 11, 2026 writ of habeas corpus. Petitioner seeks leave of court until April 15, 2026 to file such Motion to Enforce.

The reason for Petitioner's intention to seek enforcement of the March 11, 2026 writ of habeas corpus is that although Respondents provided Petitioner with an immigration bond hearing on March 13, 2026, the immigration judge awarded Petitioner with a \$12,500 bond, and Petitioner was released, Petitioner was re-detained on or about April 2, 2026. On or about March 30, 2026, the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") appealed the March 13, 2026 bond order to the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") and requested an emergency stay of the March 13, 2026 bond order. On March 31, 2026, the BIA granted the emergency stay. On April 2, 2026, Petitioner appeared for his ICE check-in appointment and was taken into ICE custody.

Given the foregoing, Petitioner intends to seek judicial relief and will file a Motion to Enforce before this court. Petitioner seeks leave of court until April 15, 2026 to prepare such Motion to Enforce. Petitioner has spoken with Respondents' Counsel and understands that Respondents oppose the motion.

Dated: April 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of April, 2026, a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by this Court's Electronic Case Filing System on the following:

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