UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
VALDOSTA DIVISION

EDITH DAMARIS GONZÁLEZ RAMÍREZ, Next Friend of Detainee **DIMAS AUDIEL PEREZ PEREZ**, Petitioner,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS); IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE); ICE ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS (ERO); ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, Secretary of Homeland Security; ACTING DIRECTOR OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT; FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR OF ICE ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL OPERATIONS; WARDEN, IRWIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER; SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF GREER, SOUTH CAROLINA; Respondents.

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 2241

I. INTRODUCTION

This Petition challenges the unlawful and unconstitutional detention of DIMAS AUDIEL PEREZ PEREZ, a Guatemalan national currently detained at Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia.

Petitioner seeks judicial intervention under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, which grants federal courts jurisdiction to review the legality of immigration detention.

The detention of Mr. Perez Perez violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment, as he has been deprived of liberty without a bond hearing and without meaningful judicial review.

Mr. Perez Perez currently has a pending asylum case before the immigration court, and he does not have a final order of removal. Despite this, he remains detained without access to a bond hearing.

The continued detention without bond constitutes an arbitrary deprivation of liberty under federal law and the United States Constitution.

II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, which authorizes federal courts to review habeas corpus petitions filed by individuals in federal custody.

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Additional jurisdiction arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question Jurisdiction) and 28 U.S.C. § 2201 (Declaratory Relief).

Venue is proper because the Petitioner is currently detained at Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia, within the jurisdiction of the Middle District of Georgia.

III. PARTIES

Petitioner (Next Friend)

EDITH DAMARIS GONZÁLEZ RAMÍREZ [redacted] South Carolina 29651 Telephone: [redacted]

Ms. González Ramírez files this petition as Next Friend because the detainee lacks the legal knowledge and ability to file this petition himself from detention.

She is the romantic partner of the detainee and a United States citizen, and the couple was in the process of formalizing their relationship and marriage prior to the detention.

Detainee

DIMAS AUDIEL PEREZ PEREZ A-Number: [redacted] Date of Birth: [redacted] Nationality: Guatemala

Currently detained at Irwin County Detention Center, Ocilla, Georgia.

IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On March 7, 2026, Mr. Perez Perez was present in Greer, South Carolina when local law enforcement was contacted following a situation involving alcohol consumption.

Out of concern for his safety, the Petitioner contacted authorities. The situation was misunderstood and escalated unnecessarily.

Mr. Perez Perez was taken into custody by the county sheriff's department. Importantly, there was no act of violence committed against the Petitioner and no testimony of aggression was provided.

Mr. Perez Perez was initially detained at the county jail. A bond was set and paid by the family.

However, despite payment of the bond, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) placed an immigration hold and assumed custody of Mr. Perez Perez.

On or about March 12, 2026, ICE agents transferred him to federal immigration custody at Irwin County Detention Center in Ocilla, Georgia.

V. IMMIGRATION STATUS AND ASYLUM PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Perez Perez has an active asylum case pending before the immigration court.

His immigration court hearing is scheduled for September 9, 2026.

He does not have a final order of removal and is pursuing relief based on fear of persecution in Guatemala.

Despite this pending case and absence of a removal order, he remains detained without access to bond.

VI. VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The continued detention violates the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause.

Federal courts have repeatedly held that immigration detention must remain reasonable and subject to procedural safeguards, including bond hearings.

The denial of a bond hearing constitutes a violation of fundamental liberty interests and raises concerns regarding arbitrary detention, lack of individualized custody review, and excessive detention without judicial oversight.

VII. NEXT FRIEND STANDING

Petitioner files this action as Next Friend because the detainee is physically confined, lacks legal resources, lacks legal training, and does not have full access to the courts while detained.

Federal courts recognize Next Friend standing where a detainee cannot adequately pursue relief on their own.

VIII. GROUNDS FOR HABEAS RELIEF

The detention is unlawful for several reasons:

1. Unlawful detention without a bond hearing. 2. Violation of the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause. 3. Detention despite pending asylum proceedings. 4. Arbitrary deprivation of liberty. 5. Failure of immigration authorities to provide meaningful custody review.

IX. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

1. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Respondents to justify the legality of the detention. 2. Order the immediate release of the detainee, or 3. Order an immediate bond hearing before an immigration judge. 4. Grant any additional relief that this Court deems just and proper.

X. DECLARATION

I, EDITH DAMARIS GONZÁLEZ RAMÍREZ, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 03/14/2026

Signature:

Edith Gonzalez EDITH DAMARIS GONZÁLEZ RAMÍREZ Next Friend of DIMAS AUDIEL PEREZ PEREZ

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus was served by U.S. Mail upon the following parties:

Office of the United States Attorney
Middle District of Georgia
401 North Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31601

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

This certificate is submitted to confirm that the Respondents have been properly notified of this action pursuant to federal procedural requirements.

Date: 03/14/2026

Signature: Edith Gonzalez

EDITH DAMARIS GONZÁLEZ RAMÍREZ

Next Friend of DIMAS AUDIEL PEREZ PEREZ