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VIA ECF

Honorable Nusrat J. Choudhury
United States District Court Judge
Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, New York 11722

Re: *Jostin Nahum Blandon v. Maldonado, et al.*
No. 26-cv-1669 (Choudhury, J.)

Dear Judge Choudhury:

This Office represents Respondents in the above-referenced action, in which Petitioner Jostin Nahum Blandon ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for a writ of habeas corpus on March 20, 2026, challenging his detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE). Respondents write to respectfully advise the Court that Petitioner was released from ICE custody at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan at approximately 9:15 a.m. today, March 22, 2026.

Although this Office communicated with counsel for ICE and with Petitioner's counsel multiple times yesterday evening and this morning in an effort to coordinate Petitioner's release no later than 10 a.m. today, as directed in the Memorandum and Order entered on March 21, 2026 (ECF Dkt. # 7), we were not able to provide Petitioner's counsel with advance notice of his release in sufficient time for arrangements to be made for Petitioner to be met by a family member or other individual designated by counsel.[1] Petitioner's counsel has confirmed, however, that a member of Petitioner's family, identified as "Oscar A.G.," paid for a taxi to transport Petitioner safely from 26 Federal Plaza to Oscar A.G.'s home on Long Island. Both ICE counsel and Petitioner's counsel have confirmed that Petitioner was released without any electronic monitoring.

[1] ICE counsel has informed this Office that, because 26 Federal Plaza is closed to the public after business hours and on weekends, it cannot admit family members or other individuals to its offices to meet detainees released during those time periods. This Office endeavors to arrange with counsel for detainees, when possible, to have a family member or other designated individual waiting near the building exit for 26 Federal Plaza at the time of the detainee's release. On this occasion, the efforts of ICE counsel to obtain Petitioner's release from the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") and transportation to 26 Federal Plaza, where Petitioner's personal property had been held, did not provide a window of time to permit such coordination.

Counsel for ICE has confirmed that Petitioner's cell phone, cash and clothing were returned to him upon release. Although Petitioner did not permit ICE to take an inventory of each of his items of personal property, Petitioner's counsel has confirmed with Petitioner that all of his personal property was returned to him. Petitioner's counsel stated that Petitioner was not in possession of any identification cards when he was detained by ICE.

Respondents thank the Court for its consideration of this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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