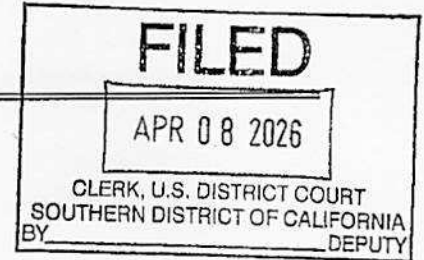


AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Southern District of California



WOKIEFIUWE TATA PATRICIA CHING

Petitioner

v.

RODNEY RICHMOND

Respondent

(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

Case No. **'26CV2231 RSH SBC**
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: WOKIEFIUWE TATA PATRICIA CHING, (NTANGKU DESMOND AKUOH my husband.)
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER
(b) Address: 7488 Calzada de la fuente, San Diego, CA 92154
- (c) Your identification number: [REDACTED] of my husband)
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☐ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☒ Other - explain:
DHS-ICE Custody
4. Are you currently:
☐ A pretrial detainee (waiting for trial on criminal charges)
☐ Serving a sentence (incarceration, parole, probation, etc.) after having been convicted of a crime
If you are currently serving a sentence, provide:
(a) Name and location of court that sentenced you: _____
(b) Docket number of criminal case: _____
(c) Date of sentencing: _____
☒ Being held on an immigration charge
☐ Other (explain): _____

Decision or Action You Are Challenging

5. What are you challenging in this petition:
☐ How your sentence is being carried out, calculated, or credited by prison or parole authorities (for example, revocation or calculation of good time credits)

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- ☐ Pretrial detention
☒ Immigration detention
☐ Detainer
☐ The validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed (for example, sentence beyond the statutory maximum or improperly calculated under the sentencing guidelines)
☐ Disciplinary proceedings
☐ Other (*explain*): _____

6. Provide more information about the decision or action you are challenging:

(a) Name and location of the agency or court: OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER

7488 Calzada de la fuente , San Diego, CA 92154

(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: 

(c) Decision or action you are challenging (*for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed*):

I am detained since 10/17/2025 without bond hearing or Parole and violate the fifth Amendment's due process rights.

(d) Date of the decision or action: _____

Your Earlier Challenges of the Decision or Action

7. **First appeal**

Did you appeal the decision, file a grievance, or seek an administrative remedy?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not appeal: _____

8. **Second appeal**

After the first appeal, did you file a second appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a second appeal: N/A

9. **Third appeal**

After the second appeal, did you file a third appeal to a higher authority, agency, or court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(a) If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of the authority, agency, or court: _____

(2) Date of filing: _____

(3) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

(b) If you answered "No," explain why you did not file a third appeal: N/A

10. **Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255**

In this petition, are you challenging the validity of your conviction or sentence as imposed?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," answer the following:

(a) Have you already filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that challenged this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

- (b) Have you ever filed a motion in a United States Court of Appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), seeking permission to file a second or successive Section 2255 motion to challenge this conviction or sentence?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Date of filing: _____

(4) Result: _____

(5) Date of result: _____

(6) Issues raised: _____

- (c) Explain why the remedy under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to challenge your conviction or sentence: _____

11. **Appeals of immigration proceedings**

Does this case concern immigration proceedings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Date you were taken into immigration custody: 10/17/2025

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: 01/30/2026

(c) Did you file an appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: 02/06/2026

(2) Case number: 

(3) Result: Pending at BIA

(4) Date of result:

(5) Issues raised:

1. The DHS file a motion to pretermitt my asylum application and sent me to a third country(Uganda).

2. The IJ closed my case,i have appeal the decision and its pending under BIA.I have no court date.

3. Uganda is not my home country and i have no family,friends or community support in Uganda

4.I appeal to continue with my asylum application.

(d) Did you appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Name of court:

(2) Date of filing:

(3) Case number:

(4) Result:

(5) Date of result:

(6) Issues raised:

12. **Other appeals**

Other than the appeals you listed above, have you filed any other petition, application, or motion about the issues raised in this petition?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If "Yes," provide:

(a) Kind of petition, motion, or application:

(b) Name of the authority, agency, or court:

(c) Date of filing:

(d) Docket number, case number, or opinion number:

(e) Result:

(f) Date of result:

(g) Issues raised:

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Grounds for Your Challenge in This Petition

13. State every ground (reason) that supports your claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States. Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground. Any legal arguments must be submitted in a separate memorandum.

GROUND ONE: Prolonged Detention Period

(a) Supporting facts (*Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.*):

It is more than 6 months that i have been detained without Bond hearing or parole.

My health condition is not good,frequent toothache and stomach pain (Gastric Pain)

I am suffering from Anxiety and depression

(b) Did you present Ground One in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND TWO: Termination of my Case (Asylum Application) 221-394-232

My Husband 221-394-234

(a) Supporting facts (*Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.*):

DHS -ICE file a motion to pretermite me and my husband asylum applications,sent me to a third country(Uganda).

On the 01-30-2026 the IJ decide to close my case and i have appeal the decision at BIA.

I have no court dates. I am depressed.

(b) Did you present Ground Two in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

GROUND THREE: Arbitrary Detained (Lack of specific detention grounds)

(a) Supporting facts (*Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.*):

Detaining me is arbitrary and violate the fifth amendment's due process rights.

I am not a flight risk and neither a danger to the community.I and my husband have a sponsor to support us.

My husband Cousin and her husband in US who are citizen are ready to Receive and support us.

(b) Did you present Ground Three in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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GROUND FOUR: NO Criminal Records

(a) Supporting facts *(Be brief. Do not cite cases or law.)*:

I have no criminal background and i post no threat to the community.

Even in detention i have respected everyone accordingly.

(b) Did you present Ground Four in all appeals that were available to you?

☐ Yes

☒ No

14. If there are any grounds that you did not present in all appeals that were available to you, explain why you did not: Detention Conditions

Detention condition is very poor,(poor diet, bad medical care and inhygiene.)

I am suffering from anxiety and Stress.

Request for Relief

15. State exactly what you want the court to do: Your Honor,

I kindly request for immidiately release from DHS/ICE custody or Bond hearing, so i can continue fight my case outside.

Please i request a Pro-Bono Attorney to help with this petition,because i have no funds to pay an attorney.

Thank You.

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Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

If you are incarcerated, on what date did you place this petition in the prison mail system:

04-03-2026

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Date: 04-03-2026



Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any