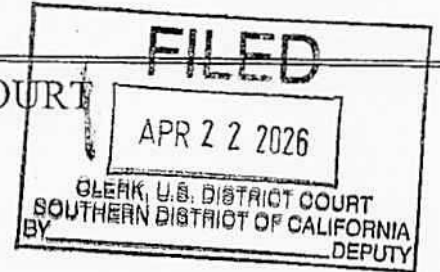


AO 242 (Rev. 09/17) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the



Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza
Petitioner

v.

Case No. '26CV2552 RSH DDL
(Supplied by Clerk of Court)

Warden Christopher La Rose
Respondent
(name of warden or authorized person having custody of petitioner)

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

Personal Information

1. (a) Your full name: Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza
(b) Other names you have used: _____
2. Place of confinement:
(a) Name of institution: Corrections Corp Of America
(b) Address: 7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego Ca 92154
- (c) Your identification number: 
3. Are you currently being held on orders by:
☒ Federal authorities ☐ State authorities ☐ Other - explain: _____
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 Immigration Court
7488 Calzada De La Fuente San Diego Ca 92154
(b) Docket number, case number, or opinion number: [REDACTED]
(c) Decision or action you are challenging (for disciplinary proceedings, specify the penalties imposed): _____

(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: _____

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: _____

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: _____

(b) Date of the removal or reinstatement order: _____

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "Yes," provide:

(1) Date of filing: _____

(2) Case number: _____

(3) Result: _____

(4) Date of result: _____

(5) Issues raised: _____

(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: _____

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: I have been denied my release on bail.

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 Do not cite cases or law.):

I attended my bail hearing on March 31, 2026 at the Otay Mesa Immigration Court where the Honorable Judge, Penaloza Jr, denied my release on bail due to being a danger to the community. However, I have letters of recommendation from my community that would disagree. Not only but also I have a sponsor who is a United States Veteran and can also agree I am a person with good morals.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND TWO: During the time I have been in the Otay Mesa Detention Center, I have had a prolonged immigration process, in addition the facility gives me limitations.

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

I arrived to the Otay Mesa Detention Center on February 25, 2026 and was given a master hearing for March 9, 2026. That day I was told my master hearing will be rescheduled for April 15, 2026. I now have the next master hearing for June 4, 2026. The limitations that I come across is gathering additional evidence to submit for my asylum case. The limitation comes from the forms of communication only available certain times plus having a cost.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND THREE: Since my arrival into the United States, I have been able to obtain a work permit and social security.

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

I arrived to the United States on November 8, 2021 and was released by Border Patrol in the State of California. I then obtained a work permit that is valid from 07-02-24 to 07-01-29. With that being said I also filed my income taxes.

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

GROUND FOUR: The living conditions of the Olay Mesa Detention Center have been affecting my health and well being.

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

In the Olay Mesa Detention Center the food lacks valuable nutrients that the body needs. The food can be found undercooked, and in addition the food be served on dirty plates, cups, spoons. I have been suffering from anxiety and this makes want to eat when my body aint hungry. In addition, extra food has a cost and communication as well. With this being said this leaves me on a financial restriction since I don't have a source of income.

(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:

Request for Relief

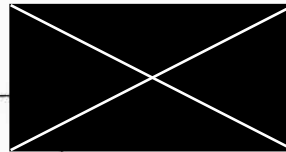
15. State exactly what you want the court to do: Your Honor, I would like to request to be released from the Olay Mesa Detention Center through parole, supervision, or bail, as my release was denied. I would like to also be appointed a public defender, if I qualify for one. If possible, can I be given a legal document from being detained without a letter from a judge. I want to also say Thank You for taking the time to read my petition.

Declaration Under Penalty Of Perjury

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

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: 04-17-2026



Signature of Attorney or other authorized person, if any

The Honorable Immigration Judge Immigration Court

SWORN DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT AS SPONSOR FOR MR. JOHNATAN DAVID ESPINOSA ISAZA

I, Angel Diaz Jr., an adult, a citizen of the United States of America, identified with U.S. passport number [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the following is true and correct:

By means of this declaration, I formally accept and commit to serve as sponsor for Mr. Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza, identified with A-Number [REDACTED] Colombian passport number [REDACTED] and residing at [REDACTED]

I am a reliable, responsible, and law-abiding person. Throughout my life, I have conducted myself with integrity, a deep sense of duty, and strong moral values. I am also a veteran of this nation, a condition I carry with pride and which has strengthened in me a profound respect for this country, its principles, its institutions, and the commitment to act correctly and serve others. I believe that honor, one's word, and responsibility are fundamental values that should guide every person's life.

I have personally known Mr. Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza for more than four years, and throughout that time he has consistently shown himself to be a proper, honorable, respectful, dependable man of good principles. He is a hardworking man of very good moral character, with deeply rooted values and sincere respect for society, for family, and for the responsibilities entrusted to him.

Jonathan and my family share a close and genuine relationship. He has visited and spent time in my home, and likewise we have also spent time in his home. We have shared family gatherings, meals, and important moments in our lives together, which has allowed me to know him not only in a social setting, but also within a close, family environment built on trust. My wife, Cristina Guzman, and I have been able to observe directly his character, his respectfulness, his kindness, and his commitment to the people he loves.

I can also attest that Jonathan is a fundamental pillar of his family. He has his young son and his partner, Ms. Arango, who need his presence, his guidance, his support, and the warmth of a stable home. I have seen that Jonathan takes his role within his family very seriously, and that one of his greatest wishes is to continue being responsible for his son, his household, and the people who depend on him emotionally and as a family.

Through this declaration, I voluntarily commit to:

1. Assume the moral and personal responsibility of serving as his sponsor during the course of his immigration proceedings.
2. Remain attentive to ensure that Mr. Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza complies with all of his immigration and court obligations.
3. Remind, guide, and support him so that he appears on time at each of his appointments, hearings, and any other requirements imposed by the Court or by any competent immigration authority.
4. Remain available to cooperate in everything necessary, within the legal framework, in support of his compliance with his obligations throughout his process.

I declare with full conviction that Mr. Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza does not pose any danger to the community and does not present a risk of failing to appear. On the contrary, he is a responsible, respectful man who is committed to following his process in the proper manner. I am fully confident that, if this Honorable Court grants him release on bond, he will comply with each and every condition imposed upon him.

For all of the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant the bond request filed on behalf of Mr. Johnatan David Espinosa Isaza, so that he may continue his immigration process in freedom, alongside his family, his young son who is a citizen of this nation, and the people who depend on his presence, guidance, direction, and support. I sincerely believe that Jonathan is a person who positively contributes to society and deserves the opportunity to face his process in freedom, with dignity and responsibility.

I make this declaration voluntarily, fully aware of its legal and moral significance before this Honorable Court.

In witness whereof, I sign this declaration on this 23rd day of March, 2026.


Angel Díaz Jr.

U.S. Passport No. 

Residence: 

Telephone: 



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

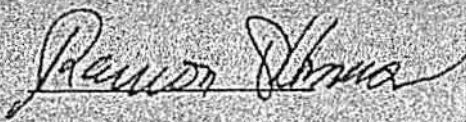
I, Ramon Thomas, Senior Pastor of Agape International Church, hereby certify that I personally know Mr. Jonatan David Espinoza Isaza who has been attending our church since the year 2025.

During this time, both he and his family have demonstrated to be honorable, respectful, and exemplary individuals. They are known within our congregation as people of integrity, good character, and strong values.

Based on my personal knowledge and pastoral relationship, I can confidently affirm that Mr. Jonatan is a person of good standing in our community.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ramón Thomas

Senior Pastor

Ágape International Church

Mail Address:



Email:

