

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

Elias Mencho Lopez,

Petitioner,

v.

Todd Blanche, Acting Attorney General,

Markwayne Mullin, Secretary, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security,

Todd M. Lyons, Acting Director of
Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and

David Easterwood, Acting Director, St. Paul
Field Office Immigration and Customs
Enforcement,

Joel Brott, Sheriff, Sherburne County,

Respondents.

Case No. 0:26-cv-2519 (JMB/DLM)

**NOTICE OF RESPONDENTS' VIOLATION OF THIS COURT'S TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER AND REQUEST FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Counsel for Petitioner, Elias Mencho Lopez, write to inform the Court that on or about May 12, Respondents transferred Mr. Lopez out of the District of Minnesota to Louisiana in violation of this Court's May 7 Order specifically precluding such a transfer. Dkt. No. 5 ("Respondents are temporarily restrained and enjoined from moving the Petitioner out of the District of Minnesota."). Respondents plainly violated that directive. Moreover, counsel for Mr. Lopez received a report that he was being processed for deportation despite these ongoing proceedings. And even though Mr. Lopez's counsel has

contacted the National ICE Office, the St. Paul ICE Field Office, and counsel for Respondents, at this point Respondents are unable—perhaps unwilling—to confirm Mr. Lopez’s location. Given these events, counsel for Mr. Lopez still have not been able to confer with him, despite multiple attempts to do so. Respondents’ violation of this Court’s clear order has thus hampered Mr. Lopez’s legal representation in this case and constitutes yet another violation of his rights.

Counsel for Respondents has informed counsel for Mr. Lopez that he was transported out of Minnesota in error, and that ICE has booked a commercial airline flight for his return, scheduled to depart on May 18 at approximately 8 A.M. Counsel for Respondents was not able to confirm Mr. Lopez’s location during that conversation.

Based on the above, as well as the Affidavit of Gene Hummel filed contemporaneously with this Notice, Mr. Lopez requests that the Court issue an order requiring counsel for Respondents to (1) file an affidavit no later than May 15, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. (CT) confirming Mr. Lopez’s location as well as Respondents’ plans for returning him to the District of Minnesota; (2) notify counsel for Petitioner once Mr. Lopez has returned to Minnesota; and (3) inform counsel for Petitioner where Mr. Lopez will be detained once he is returned to Minnesota. Mr. Lopez further requests that the Court issue an order to show cause why Respondents should not be held in contempt for violations of this Court’s Order.

Dated: May 14, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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