IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION

JOHN CAMILO ECHAVARRIA,	:	
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Petitioner,	:	
	:	**Case No. 4:26-CV-881-CDL-ALS**
v.	:	**28 U.S.C. § 2241**
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WARDEN, STEWART DETENTION CENTER,	:	
	:	
Respondent.	:	

RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On May 27, 2026, Petitioner filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus ("Petition"). ECF No. 1. On June 9, 2026, the Court ordered Respondent to file a comprehensive response to said application within twenty-one (21) days. ECF No. 3. On June 30, Respondent moved to dismiss the Petition because Petitioner's removal order had become final changing Petitioner's detention authority. ECF No. 4. On July 24, 2026, the Court ordered Respondent to provide a status report with updated information regarding Petitioner's current location within fourteen days of the Court's Order. ECF No. 7. On August 7, 2026, the Court directed Respondent to comply with the July 24, 2026 Order within seven days.[1] ECF No 8. In lieu of a status report, Respondent moves to dismiss the Petition as moot because Petitioner has been removed.

ARGUMENT

On July 1, 2026, the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") removed Petitioner from the United States. *See* Ex A, Form I-205.

[1] Based on the Court's July 24 Order, Respondent understood the deadline to file a status report to be August 7, 2026, and files this Motion in compliance with that order.

Because Petitioner is no longer in Respondent's custody, the Court lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over his claims. Accordingly, the Court should dismiss the Petition as moot.

The case-or-controversy requirement of Article III, section 2 of the United States Constitution subsists through all stages of federal judicial proceedings. *See Spencer v. Kemna*, 523 U.S. 1, 7 (1998). A petitioner "must have suffered, or be threatened with, an actual injury traceable to the defendant and likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision." *Lewis v. Cont'l Bank Corp.*, 494 U.S. 472, 477 (1990). "The doctrine of mootness derives directly from the case or controversy limitation because an action that is moot cannot be characterized as an active case or controversy." *Soliman v. United States*, 296 F.3d 1237, 1242 (11th Cir. 2002) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). "Put another way, a case is moot when it no longer presents a live controversy with respect to which the court can grant meaningful relief." *Fla. Ass'n of Rehab. Facilities, Inc. v. Fla. Dep't of Health & Rehab. Servs.*, 225 F.3d 1208, 1217 (11th Cir. 2000) (internal quotation mark and citation omitted). Thus, "[i]f events that occur subsequent to the filing of a lawsuit or an appeal deprive the court of the ability to give the plaintiff or appellant meaningful relief, then the case is moot and must be dismissed." *Al Najjar v. Ashcroft*, 273 F.3d 1330, 1336 (11th Cir. 2001). "Indeed, dismissal is required because mootness is jurisdictional." *Id.*; *see also De La Teja v. United States*, 321 F.3d 1357, 1362 (11th Cir. 2003). Once a petitioner has been removed from the United States, the dispute regarding his detention is rendered moot and must be dismissed. *See Soliman*, 296 F.3d at 1243.

Here, Petitioner was removed from the United States on July 1, 2026, and is no longer in Respondent's custody. Ex. A. Because Petitioner is not in Respondent's custody, the Court can no longer give Petitioner any meaningful relief regarding his detention. Accordingly, the Petition is moot and should be dismissed.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent requests that Petitioner's application for habeas relief be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of August, 2026.

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