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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

VICTOR MANUEL ROMERO OLIVAS, Petitioner,	§ § § §	Civil Action No. _____
v. FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR / WARDEN OF PETITIONER'S CURRENT DETENTION FACILITY, name presently unknown; and appropriate DHS/ICE officials in their official capacities, Respondents.	§ § § § § §	PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241 EP 26 CV 2249

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

Petitioner Victor Manuel Romero Olivas, proceeding pro se, states under penalty of perjury:

1. I am presently in the physical custody of the Department of Homeland Security / U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Based on my own communications from detention, I was transferred from immigration detention in Aurora, Colorado, to a detention location in or near Vinton, Texas, arriving at approximately 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2026. My exact facility name and the identity of my immediate custodian have not yet been reliably provided to me or my supporters.

2. I have been detained since approximately July 23, 2026. I was taken into immigration custody while leaving my home in Colorado. I had been living and working in the community and supporting my family.

3. My Alien Registration Number is A[redacted] On August 28, 2026, an EOIR Automated Case Information printout obtained on my behalf returned "Case information is unavailable." I recognize that the EOIR automated system itself states that it does not display all cases or all information and that official court documents control.

4. I am not asking this Court through this 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition to review or vacate the merits of my final immigration removal order. I challenge my present physical detention and seek meaningful access to judicial process while in custody.

5. The Immigration Judge issued a written decision dated April 30, 2019 denying cancellation of removal under INA § 240A(b)(2), granting post-conclusion voluntary departure, and providing an alternate order of removal to Mexico if the conditions of voluntary departure were not met. I appealed. The Board of Immigration Appeals issued a decision on February 23, 2023 dismissing my appeal, denying remand, and reinstating a 60-day voluntary-departure period subject to the terms stated in that decision.

6. The 2019 decision describes an earlier arrest arising from a domestic dispute and also records that the criminal charges were eventually dismissed. I therefore do not claim that I have never been arrested. To the best of my knowledge, I have no criminal conviction that establishes that I am a danger to the community.

7. I have substantial family and community ties. My son was born in the United States and depends on me. Supporting declarations describe my long-term work, business activity, community ties, and active relationship with my son.

8. I possess a Form I-918 Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification from the Colorado Springs Police Department. The certification identifies me as the victim in the certified matter and contains information concerning my assistance to law enforcement. I do not represent that USCIS has received or approved a Form I-918 unless a USCIS receipt or approval notice is produced.

9. My transfer from Colorado to Texas has substantially complicated communication with my family and supporters, access to records, and preparation of emergency filings. As of August 28, 2026, searches made on my behalf reportedly have not located me in the public ICE detainee locator, while I have personally communicated that I am detained in the Vinton, Texas area.

10. Because my exact detention facility and immediate custodian have not been reasonably confirmed, I respectfully request that the Court order DHS/ICE to disclose my precise place of confinement and immediate custodian and permit prompt amendment of the caption if necessary.

11. Venue is alleged in the El Paso Division because I report that I am confined in or near Vinton, in El Paso County, Texas. If DHS identifies a different actual place of confinement, I request transfer rather than dismissal to the extent permitted by law.

12. This Court has habeas jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to consider a challenge to present federal custody. I recognize that direct review of a final order of removal is generally channeled to the appropriate United States Court of Appeals. This petition is directed to custody and meaningful access to judicial process.

13. I respectfully request expedited review. A further undisclosed transfer could impair my ability to communicate with the Court, sign required papers, obtain records, seek legal assistance, and present evidence through the proper immigration procedures.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF. I respectfully ask the Court to: (a) issue the writ or an order to show cause requiring Respondents to identify and justify the legal basis for my present detention; (b) require any custody review or process that governing law requires and order release if continued detention is not lawfully justified; (c) require prompt disclosure of my exact detention location and immediate custodian; (d) preserve reasonable access to legal papers, confidential legal communications, and the courts; (e) consider the separately filed Emergency Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Status-Quo Relief; and (f) grant any other relief the Court deems lawful and just.

VERIFICATION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the factual statements above based on my personal knowledge are true and correct, and that statements concerning records are based on the documents available to me and my supporters.

Executed on: August 28, 2026



Victor Manuel Romero Olivas, Petitioner Pro Se

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Current detention facility: believed to be in or near Vinton, Texas; exact facility presently unconfirmed.