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CHINTAMAN PENDESE v. WARDEN DELANEY HALL DETENTION FACILITY et al

DOCKET INFORMATION

DATE FILED:	Wed Dec 31 2025
STATUS:	Closed
NATURE OF SUIT:	463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee
ASSIGNED TO:	Judge Christine P. O'Hearn
CAUSE:	28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federa
DATE TERMINATED:	Mon Apr 06 2026
JURISDICTION:	U.S. Government Defendant
JURY DEMAND:	None

PARTIES AND ATTORNEYS

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SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE	Plaintiff
WARDEN Delaney Hall Detention Facility	Respondent
RUBEN PEREZ	Acting Director of the Newark Field Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Respondent
TODD LYONS	Acting Director U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement Respondent
KRISTI NOEM	U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Respondent

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1	Dec. 31, 2025	Request	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing fee \$ 5 receipt number ANJDC-16955122.), filed by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Index, # 3 Exhibit(ROY, SUSAN) (Entered: 12/31/2025)
	Dec. 31, 2025		Case Assigned to Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. (mfr) (Entered: 01/01/2026)
2	Jan. 04, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Petitioner's Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1). In light of the Court's pending decision and to preserve the status quo, including Petitioner's continued access to counsel, during the potential briefing and hearing process, and pursuant to the All Writs Act, 28 U.S.C.S 1651, Petitioner shall remain in the State of New Jersey and shall not be transferred outside the State of New Jersey until further order of the Court. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 1/4/25. (hem, nm) (Entered: 01/04/2026)
3	Jan. 04, 2026	Request	EXPEDITED ORDER TO ANSWER. Respondent's shall file and serve an expedited answer by 12:00 p.m. on January 6, 2026. The Court will hold a TEAMS conference on January 6, 2026 at 3:00pm. Signed by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 1/4/2026. (hem, nm) (Entered: 01/04/2026)
4	Jan. 05, 2026	Request	Substitution of Attorney - Attorney FRANCES C. BAJADA terminated. Attorney JESSICA LASERNA for TODD LYONS, JESSICA LASERNA for KRISTI NOEM, JESSICA LASERNA for RUBEN PEREZ, JESSICA LASERNA for WARDEN added.. (LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
5	Jan. 06, 2026	Request	RESPONSE to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by TODD LYONS, KRISTI NOEM, RUBEN PEREZ, WARDEN. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - i213, # 2 Exhibit 2 - Intent to Reinstate Removal Order, # 3 Exhibit 3 - Signed docs)(LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 01/06/2026)
6	Jan. 06, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: For the reasons stated on the record during the January 6, 2026 hearing, Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, ECF No. 1, is GRANTED. Respondents shall immediately release Petitioner and submit a letter once same has been effectuated. Order of Release to be entered. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 1/6/26. (hem,) (Entered: 01/06/2026)
7	Jan. 06, 2026	Request	ORDER OF RELEASE. Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, ECF No. 1, is GRANTED. Petitioner shall immediately be released. Respondent's shall file a letter on the docket confirming Petitioner's release. The Clerk of the Court is directed to CLOSE this case. Signed by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 1/6/2026. (hem,) (Entered: 01/06/2026)
	Jan. 06, 2026		***Civil Case Terminated. (hem,) (Entered: 01/06/2026)
8	Jan. 06, 2026	Request	STATUS REPORT CONFIRMING PETITIONER'S RELEASE by TODD LYONS, KRISTI NOEM, RUBEN PEREZ, WARDEN. (LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 01/06/2026)
9	Jan. 06, 2026	Request	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn: Petition Hearing held on 1/6/2026. Order of Release to be entered on the docket. (Court Reporter, Meta Goddard (856-576-7063)). (dwn) (Entered: 01/07/2026)
10	Feb. 09, 2026	Request	MOTION to Reopen and Enforce the Court's January 6, 2026 Habeas Order by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Proposed Order) (Documents unsigned Received via ADS) (dmr) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
11	Feb. 09, 2026	Request	Signed Correction to 10 Motion to Reopen and Enforce the Court's January 6, 2026 Habeas Order by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Proposed Order) (Received via ADS) (dmr) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
	Feb. 10, 2026		Set Deadlines as to 10 MOTION to Reopen. Motion set for 3/16/2026 before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, this motion will be decided on the papers and no appearances are required. Note that this is an automatically generated message from the Clerk's Office and does not supersede any previous or subsequent orders from the Court. (dmr) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
12	Feb. 10, 2026	Request	ORDER directing Respondents shall file a letter by 4:00 PM on 2/12/2026 regarding return of Petitioner's property. Signed by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 2/10/2026. (lag,) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
13	Feb. 12, 2026	Request	Letter from U.S. Attorney's Office Response Concerning Return of Property re 12 Order, 11 Exhibit (to Document), 10 MOTION to Reopen Case. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - Property Receipt, # 2 Exhibit 2 - SDDO Williams Declaration)(LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 02/12/2026)
14	Feb. 18, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Respondents' letter advising of their position that Petitioner arrived at Delaney Hall Detention Facility with no money and no valuable property. (ECF No. 13). Petitioner shall file his response, if any, within seven (7) days. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 2/18/2026. (hem,) (Entered: 02/18/2026)
15	Feb. 19, 2026	Request	MOTION for Preservation and Production of Video Footage by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration in Opposition to ICE's Claim of Non-Possession of Property)(Received via ADS) (dmr) (Entered: 02/19/2026)
	Feb. 19, 2026		Set Deadlines as to 15 MOTION for Preservation and Production of Video Footage. Motion set for 3/16/2026 before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, this motion will be decided on the papers and no appearances are required. Note that this is an automatically generated message from the Clerk's Office and does not supersede any previous or subsequent orders from the Court. (dmr) (Entered: 02/19/2026)
16	Feb. 20, 2026	Request	DECLARATION of Doralina Luna, Esq. by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Sunil Chintaman Pendese in Opposition to ICE's Claim of Non-Possession of Property, # 2 Request for Electronic Service) (Received via ADS) (dmr) (Entered: 02/23/2026)
17	Feb. 23, 2026	Request	ORDER Motion to Reopen, (ECF No. 10) is GRANTED and the case is OPENED for the limited purpose of resolving the property and preservation issues raised, but enforcement of the January 6, 2026 Order is otherwise DENIED without prejudice at this time. Motion for Preservation and Production, (ECF No. 15) is GRANTED as described herein. Signed by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 2/23/2026. (hem,) (Entered: 02/23/2026)
18	Feb. 25, 2026	Request	Letter from Respondents attaching declarations re 17 Order on Motion to Reopen Case., Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - HSI Jeffrey Decl., # 2 Exhibit 2 - USCIS Chen Decl.)(LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 02/25/2026)
	Feb. 25, 2026		CLERK'S QUALITY CONTROL MESSAGE - The documents submitted by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE via ADS on 2/25/2026 contain the following deficiencies: Fillable Document and/or Hyperlinks., Please refer to the ADS guidelines and resubmit in accordance with ADS procedures. (dmr) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
19	Feb. 26, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Respondents' February 25, 2026 Letter and the attached declarations. Respondents are hereby ORDERED to file a supplemental affidavit by March 2, 2026 from one or more individuals with personal knowledge of the matters set forth below, regardless of agency or component. The affidavit(s) shall set forth in detail: the date and time of Petitioner's arrival and departure at USCIS Cranbury and HSI Newark; whether he arrived with a bag or other property at each location; all property inventory forms or receipts created at USCIS Cranbury and/or HSI Newark; the chain of custody and storage location of the property while at USCIS Cranbury and HSI Newark; all steps taken to locate the property; and the full name, title, and, if known, contact information of "Dave." The affidavit(s) must include documentary support. If Respondents contend that no individual possesses personal knowledge of any particular item listed above, the affidavit shall expressly so state and shall describe with specificity the efforts undertaken to identify such an individual. The Court is not satisfied that Respondents have made good faith efforts to locate and return Petitioner's property or provided sufficient evidence from which the Court could disbelieve Petitioner's allegations that such property was taken from him. If Respondents continue to fail to return the property Petitioner alleges was taken from him, the Court shall schedule an in-person hearing and require Respondents to produce witnesses from both USCIS Cranbury and HSI Newark with knowledge related to Petitioner's arrest and detention. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 2/26/2026. (hem, nm) (Entered: 02/26/2026)
20	Feb. 26, 2026	Request	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (ROY, SUSAN) (Entered: 02/26/2026)
	Feb. 26, 2026		Set Deadlines as to 20 MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney - Motion set for 4/6/2026 before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, this motion will be decided on the papers and no appearances are required. Note that this is an automatically generated message from the Clerk's Office and does not supersede any previous or subsequent orders from the Court. (dwn) (Entered: 02/26/2026)
	Feb. 27, 2026		CLERK'S QUALITY CONTROL MESSAGE - The documents submitted by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE via ADS on 2/27/2026 contain the following deficiencies: Fillable Document and/or Hyperlinks., Please refer to the ADS guidelines and resubmit in accordance with ADS procedures. (dmr) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
21	Feb. 27, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court has received the Motion to Withdraw. (ECF No. 20). Counsel shall advise the Court as to whether an application for attorneys' fees and costs will be filed under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"). See Michelin v. Warden Moshannon Valley Correctional Ctr., No. 24-2990, 2026 WL 263483 (3d Cir. Feb. 2, 2026). So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 2/27/2026. (hem, nm) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
23	Mar. 01, 2026	Request	MOTION to Compel Preservation & Production of Surveillance Footage by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (Attachments: # 1 Supplemental Motion to Enforce the Court's Order)(Received via ADS) (dmr) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
	Mar. 01, 2026		Set Deadlines as to 23 MOTION to Compel Preservation & Production of Surveillance Footage. Motion set for 4/6/2026 before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, this motion will be decided on the papers and no appearances are required. Note that this is an automatically generated message from the Clerk's Office and does not supersede any previous or subsequent orders from the Court. (dmr) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
22	Mar. 02, 2026	Request	Letter from Respondents Requesting Four-Day Extension Request and Lost Property Update re 17 Order on Motion to Reopen Case., Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 19 Text Order..... (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1 - Cabrera decl, (ICE Arresting DO), # 2 Exhibit 2 - Damiano decl, (ICE Processing DO), # 3 Exhibit 3 - Supp. Williams decl, (ICE Delaney SDDO), # 3 Exhibit 4 - Lettich decl. (USCIS))(LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
24	Mar. 06, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: On February 27, 2026, the Court previously entered an Order directing Petitioner's Counsel to advise the Court as to whether an application for attorneys fees and costs will be failed. As of this date the Court has not received a response. Petitioner's counsel is directed to file a response by March 12, 2026. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 3/6/2026. (hem, nm) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
25	Mar. 06, 2026	Request	MOTION to Withdraw 20 MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by SUNIL CHINTAMAN PENDESE. (ROY, SUSAN) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
	Mar. 06, 2026		Set Deadlines as to 25 MOTION to Withdraw 20 MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney - Motion set for 4/6/2026 before Judge Christine P. O'Hearn. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, this motion will be decided on the papers and no appearances are required. Note that this is an automatically generated message from the Clerk's Office and does not supersede any previous or subsequent orders from the Court. (kes,) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
26	Mar. 06, 2026	Request	Letter from Respondents' Efforts to Resolve Lost-Property Claim and Production of Video Footage re 17 Order on Motion to Reopen Case., Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief, 22 Letter., (LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
27	Mar. 09, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Petitioner's counsel's Motion to Withdraw their previously filed Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. (ECF No. 25), indicating that counsel will continue their representation in this matter. The Motion to Withdraw the Motion to Withdraw as Attorney is GRANTED. (ECF No. 25). The underlying Motion to Withdraw as Attorney is DENIED AS MOOT. (ECF No. 20). In order to facilitate the orderly resolution of the issues before the Court and avoid unnecessary review of video materials by the Court in the first instance, Respondents shall provide the video footage referenced in the parties' submissions to Petitioner's counsel within seven (7) days of the entry of this Order. The Court further directs the assigned Assistant United States Attorney to communicate with Petitioner's counsel regarding the status of the video footage and any efforts undertaken to locate Petitioner's property and/or compensate Petitioner for the loss of that property. The Government shall file a brief letter on the docket updating the Court on the status of these issues no later than Wednesday, March 11, 2026. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 3/9/26. (hem, nm) (Entered: 03/09/2026)
28	Mar. 10, 2026	Request	Letter from Attorney for Petitioner re 21 Order, 24 Order., (ROY, SUSAN) (Entered: 03/10/2026)
29	Mar. 11, 2026	Request	Letter from U.S. Attorney's Office Confirming Continued Efforts to Resolve Property Claim and Production of Video Footage re 27 Order on Motion to Withdraw., Order on Motion to Withdraw as Attorney..... (LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 03/11/2026)
30	Mar. 13, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court is in receipt of Respondents' March 11, 2026 letter providing a status update regarding Petitioner's lost-property claim and the production of video footage. (ECF No. 29). The letter represents, among other things, that counsel for the parties have engaged in productive discussions regarding resolution of the lost-property issue, including Petitioner's counsel working with Petitioner to finalize a Form SF-95 administrative claim to be routed through the U.S. Attorney's Office to the appropriate decision makers at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In light of those representations, the parties are ORDERED to file a joint status update within fourteen (14) days advising the Court of the status of their efforts to resolve the property issue. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 3/13/2026. (hem,) (Entered: 03/13/2026)
31	Mar. 27, 2026	Request	Letter from the Parties regarding Continous Efforts to Resolve Lost-Property Issue re 30 Order..... (LASERNA, JESSICA) (Entered: 03/27/2026)
32	Apr. 06, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: In light of the parties' joint status update advising that Petitioner has submitted a finalized Form SF-95 for his work toward resolution of Petitioner's lost-property claim, (ECF No. 31), it is ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Compel, (ECF No. 23), is DENIED AS MOOT, and the Clerk of the Court shall close this case. Should any issue arise requiring further Court intervention, Petitioner may move to reopen the matter. So Ordered by Judge Christine P. O'Hearn on 4/6/26. (hem,) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
	Apr. 06, 2026		***Civil Case Terminated. (hem,) (Entered: 04/06/2026)

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