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FAJARDO-NUGRA v. SOTO et al, Docket No. 3:26-cv-00975 (D.N.J. Jan 31, 2026), Court Docket

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**U.S. District Court**  
**District of New Jersey [LIVE] (Trenton)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:26-cv-00975-ZNQ**

**FAJARDO-NUGRA v. SOTO et al**

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DATE FILED: Sat Jan 31 2026  
 STATUS: Closed  
 NATURE OF SUIT: 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee  
 ASSIGNED TO: Judge Zahid N. Quraishi  
 CAUSE: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federa)  
 DATE TERMINATED: Mon Mar 02 2026  
 JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant  
 JURY DEMAND: None

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**LUIS DAVID FAJARDO-NUGRA**  
Petitioner

**LUIS SOTO**  
in his official capacity as Warden of the Delaney Hall Detention Facility  
Respondent

**JONATHAN FLORENTINO**  
Acting Newark Field Office Director, ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations, Newark Field Office  
Respondent

**TODD LYONS**  
Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)  
Respondent

**KRISTI NOEM**  
in her Official Capacity, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Respondent

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ENTRY	FILED	PDF	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Jan. 31, 2026	Request	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus ( Filing fee \$ 5 receipt number ANJDC-17049754.), filed by LUIS DAVID FAJARDO-NUGRA. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Text of Proposed Order, # 3 Supplement, # 4 Exhibit ICE Locator, # 5 Exhibit IS89, # 6 Exhibit mortgage, # 7 Exhibit utility records, # 8 Exhibit taxes, # 9 Exhibit us children id, # 10 Exhibit birth certs, # 11 Exhibit medical records) (CARDENAS, VERONICA) (Entered: 01/31/2026)
	Jan. 31, 2026		Judge Zahid N. Quraishi added. (gxh) Modified on 2/3/2026 (jjc, ). (Entered: 02/02/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Feb. 03, 2026	Request	ORDER directing Respondent to file an answer to the Petition within 21 days; ORDERED that Petitioner may file and serve a reply in support of the Petition within 14 days after the answer is filed. Signed by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 2/3/2026. (dmr) (Entered: 02/03/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Feb. 18, 2026	Request	Substitution of Attorney - Attorney FRANCES C. BAJADA terminated. Attorney DAVID INKELES for JONATHAN FLORENTINO,DAVID INKELES for TODD LYONS,DAVID INKELES for KRISTI NOEM,DAVID INKELES for LUIS SOTO added.. (INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 02/18/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Feb. 24, 2026	Request	RESPONSE to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by JONATHAN FLORENTINO, TODD LYONS, KRISTI NOEM, LUIS SOTO. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A - I-213)(INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 02/24/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Feb. 26, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: In light of the Government's response in this matter (ECF No. 4 ) and the Government's admission that this matter is not meaningfully distinguishable from this Court's prior decision in Valerio v. Joyce, No. 25-17225, 2025 WL 3251445 (D.N.J. Nov. 21, 2025), the Government shall address Petitioner's entitlement to release in light of this Court's decision in Hueso v. Soto, Civ. No. 26-1455, Docket Entry Nos. 9, 10 (D.N.J. Feb. 26, 2026), within seven days. The Government shall not transfer Petitioner out of New Jersey during the pendency of this matter. So Ordered by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 2/26/2026. (kas) (Entered: 02/26/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	Feb. 27, 2026	Request	Letter from the U.S. Attorney's Office re: Petitioner's Detention Location and Supplemental Response re 5 Text Order,.. (INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 02/27/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	Mar. 02, 2026	Request	MEMORANDUM OPINION. Signed by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 3/2/2026. (sks) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	Mar. 02, 2026	Request	ORDER granting 1 Habeas Petition; ordering the Petitioner be released immediately by 5:00pm EST on 3/3/2026; directing the Respondents to return all personal property belongings to Petitioner; allowing the Respondents until 5:00pm on 3/3/2026 to file a declaration confirming the Petitioner's release; directing the Clerk to close the matter. Signed by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 3/2/2026. (sks) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	Mar. 03, 2026	Request	Letter from the U.S. Attorney's Office re: Unopposed Request for Four-Hour Extension of Time re 8 Order of Dismissal,. (INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Mar. 03, 2026	Request	Letter from the U.S. Attorney's Office Confirming Date and Time of Petitioner's Release re 8 Order of Dismissal,. (INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Mar. 03, 2026	Request	Letter from the U.S. Attorney's Office Submitting Declaration re 8 Order of Dismissal,. (Attachments: # 1 Declaration Deportation Officer Hans Antoine)(INKELES, DAVID) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Mar. 04, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER that by no later than 03/06/2026, Petitioner is to file a letter advising whether his personal property was returned to him upon his release. If property was not returned, he shall identify it with specificity. So Ordered by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 3/4/2026. (kas) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Mar. 04, 2026	Request	Letter from Petitioner through counsel. (CARDENAS, VERONICA) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Mar. 05, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER that the Department of Homeland Security shall respond to Petitioner's letter regarding unreturned personal property. Its response shall be provided by declaration under penalty of perjury and shall be filed no later than 12:00 p.m. 03/09/2026. So Ordered by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 03/05/2026. (Entered: 03/05/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 15	Mar. 09, 2026	Request	Letter Enclosing DHS Declaration re: Unreturned Property from DAVID INKELES. (Attachments: # 1 Ex. A. SDDO Williams Decl.) (Received via Help Desk)(kht) (Entered: 03/09/2026)
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Mar. 09, 2026	Request	TEXT ORDER: The Court has reviewed the Government's response (ECF No. 15 ) to the Court's March 5, 2026, Order. Although the Court finds the disregard for Petitioner's personal property displayed by the Government in this matter unacceptable, reparations for lost property are beyond this Court's jurisdiction in this habeas matter. See, e.g., Ameziane v. Obama, 58 F. Supp. 3d 99, 102 (D.D.C. 2014). Petitioner is free to pursue any claim he may have for his lost property through the procedures provided in the Federal Tort Claims Act. So Ordered by Judge Zahid N. Quraishi on 3/9/2026. (kas, ) (Entered: 03/09/2026)

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