

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

Angel A.,

Petitioner,

v.

Todd M. LYONS, in his capacity as Acting Director, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Kristi NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Pamela BONDI, U.S. Attorney General; Daren MARGOLIN, Executive Office for Immigration Review; David EASTERWOOD, Field Office Director of St. Paul Field Office for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations,

Respondents.

Case No. 26-CV-0777 (SRN/ECW)

ORDER

SUSAN RICHARD NELSON, United States District Judge

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondents are directed to file an answer to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus of petitioner Angel A. by no later than January 30, 2026, certifying the true cause and proper duration of Petitioner's confinement and showing cause why the writ should not be granted in this case.
2. Respondents' answer should include:

- a. Such affidavits and exhibits as are needed to establish the lawfulness and correct duration of Petitioner’s detention in light of the issues raised in the habeas petition;
 - b. A reasoned memorandum of law and fact explaining respondents’ legal position on Petitioner’s claims;
 - c. Respondents’ recommendation on whether an evidentiary hearing should be conducted;
 - d. Respondents’ view as to whether—and if so, why—this matter is materially distinguishable, either factually or legally, from *Maldonado v. Olson*, No. 25-cv-3142, 795 F. Supp. 3d 1134 (D. Minn. 2025), or *E.M. v. Noem*, No. 25-cv-3975 (SRN/DTS), 2025 WL 3157839 (D. Minn. Nov. 12, 2025); and
 - e. Whether the absence of a warrant preceding Petitioner’s arrest necessitates Petitioner’s immediate release.
3. If Petitioner intends to file a reply to respondents’ answer, he must do so by no later than February 2, 2026. Thereafter, no further submissions from either party will be permitted, except as authorized by Court order.

Dated: January 28, 2026

s/Susan Richard Nelson
SUSAN RICHARD NELSON
United States District Judge