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**U.S. District Court  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (Laredo)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:26-cv-00209**

Cobarrubias-Lopez v. Warden of the Rio Grande Detention  
Center et al

Assigned to: Judge Diana Saldana

Referred to: Magistrate Judge Brian C Bajew

Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federa

Date Filed: 02/12/2026

Date Terminated: 04/21/2026

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -  
Alien Detainee

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Petitioner**

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<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
02/12/2026	<a href="#">1</a>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing fee \$ 5 receipt number ATXSDC-35087356) filed by Luis Angel Cobarrubias-Lopez. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Civil Cover Sheet, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit) (Cardenas, Norberto) (Entered: 02/12/2026)
02/12/2026	<a href="#">2</a>	Clerk's Notice of Redaction Responsibilities and Privacy Protection. Parties notified, filed. (SDTX_CMECF_AutoDocket, ) (Entered: 02/12/2026)
02/12/2026		Referral Judge Selected: Magistrate Judge Brian C. Bajew randomly selected to receive referrals. An order or notice of referral of case or motion to follow. (scg5) (Entered: 02/13/2026)
02/12/2026	<a href="#">3</a>	ORDER REFERRING CASE to Magistrate Judge Brian C. Bajew. (Signed by Judge Diana Saldana) Parties notified. (scg5) (Entered: 02/13/2026)
02/13/2026	<a href="#">4</a>	ORDER. Pending before the Court is Petitioner Luis Angel Cobarrubias Lopez (Petitioner) Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, (Dkt. 1). Petitioner is ORDERED to submit proof of service to the named Respondents by registered or certified mail pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i) by February 18, 2026. Having reviewed the Petition, Respondents are hereby ORDERED to show cause and submit a response to the Habeas Petition, (Dkt. 1) and serve it on Petitioner no later than February 20, 2026, which is between the three-to-twenty-day time period contemplated by 28 U.S.C. § 2243. The Court advises the Respondents that if no response is received, the Court may treat the petition as unopposed. Petitioner is ORDERED to submit a reply to Respondents Response on or before February 24, 2026. ; Motion-related deadline set re: <a href="#">1</a> Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Served electronically on USAO per MOU.)(Signed by Judge Diana Saldana) Parties notified. (rlt5) (Entered: 02/13/2026)

03/02/2026	<a href="#">5</a>	ORDER re: <a href="#">1</a> Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Served electronically on USAO per MOU.) For the foregoing reasons, Petitioners Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, (Dkt. 1), is GRANTED. Respondents are ORDERED to RELEASE Petitioner from custody immediately, under reasonable conditions of release, and to submit a status report to the Court confirming Petitioner's release within 24 hours of the date of this Order. Respondents must notify Petitioners counsel of the exact time and location of Petitioners release no less than three hours prior to Petitioners release from custody. If Petitioner is redetained, all applicable regulations and procedures must be followed, including that Petitioner be afforded an individualized assessment of Petitioners flight risk and dangerousness as guaranteed under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. Within two weeks of the date of this Order, the parties shall FILE advisories with the Court indicating whether the parties oppose entry of a final judgment in this case. The Clerk is also DIRECTED to e-mail a copy of the Petition, (Dkt. 1), and this Order to the following email addresses: usatxs.civilnotice@usdoj.gov, Daniel.Hu@usdoj.gov, and Hector.Ramirez@usdoj.gov. (Signed by Judge Diana Saldana) Parties notified. (rlt5) (Entered: 03/02/2026)
03/03/2026	<a href="#">6</a>	ADVISORY by Pamela Bondi, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Kristi Noem, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Miguel Vergara, filed. (Qarana, Evan) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/16/2026	<a href="#">7</a>	ADVISORY by Luis Angel Cobarrubias Lopez, filed. (Cardenas, Norberto) (Entered: 03/16/2026)
03/16/2026	<a href="#">8</a>	ADVISORY by Pamela Bondi, Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), Kristi Noem, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Miguel Vergara, filed. (Qarana, Evan) (Entered: 03/16/2026)
04/21/2026	<a href="#">9</a>	FINAL JUDGMENT. For the reasons set forth in its Order, the Court granted Petitioners Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, (Dkt. 1). Accordingly, the Court now enters final judgement. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to CLOSE this civil action and TERMINATE any pending motions or deadlines that may be associated with this case. (Signed by Judge Diana Saldana) Parties notified. (rlt5) (Entered: 04/21/2026)

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