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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Eastern Division - Riverside)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:25-cv-02983-JWH-KES**

Marlon Castillo Espada v. John Doe et al  
Assigned to: Judge John W. Holcomb  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott  
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federal)

Date Filed: 11/06/2025  
Date Terminated: 02/27/2026  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -  
Alien Detainee  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
11/06/2025	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in Federal Custody (28 USC 2241), Receipt No. ACACDC-40865487 for \$5 filing fee, filed by petitioner Marlon Castillo Espada. (Attorney Scott Allenson Emerick added to party Marlon Castillo Espada(pty:pet))(Emerick, Scott) (Entered: 11/06/2025)
11/06/2025	<a href="#"><u>2</u></a>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed by Petitioner Marlon Castillo Espada. (Emerick, Scott) (Entered: 11/06/2025)
11/07/2025	<a href="#"><u>3</u></a>	NOTICE OF REFERENCE to a U.S. Magistrate Judge. This case has been assigned to the calendar of the Honorable District Judge John W. Holcomb and referred to Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott, who is authorized to consider preliminary matters and conduct all further hearings as may be appropriate or necessary. Pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.4, the Court must be notified within five (5) days of any address change. See notice for additional details. (lh) (Entered: 11/07/2025)
11/10/2025	<a href="#"><u>4</u></a>	ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE TO HABEAS PETITION by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. Notice: The court has issued a ruling on preliminary review. Pursuant to the Agreement on Acceptance of Service between the Clerk of Court and the United States Attorney's Office, this Notice constitutes service under Fed. R. Civ. P. 4. To preserve the Court's jurisdiction, Respondents are enjoined from

		transferring, relocating, or removing Petitioner outside of the Central District of California pending final resolution of this case or further order of the Court. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Petition, # <a href="#">2</a> CV11-B) (jdo) (Entered: 11/10/2025)
11/13/2025	<a href="#">5</a>	Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel: for attorney Patrick James Kearney counsel for Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, John Doe, John Doe, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. Adding Patrick J. Kearney as counsel of record for Respondents for the reason indicated in the G-123 Notice. Filed by Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Attorney Patrick James Kearney added to party Pamela Jo Bondi(pty:res), Attorney Patrick James Kearney added to party John Doe(pty:res), Attorney Patrick James Kearney added to party John Doe(pty:res), Attorney Patrick James Kearney added to party Todd M. Lyons(pty:res), Attorney Patrick James Kearney added to party Kristi Noem(pty:res))(Kearney, Patrick) (Entered: 11/13/2025)
11/13/2025	<a href="#">6</a>	EX PARTE APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order filed by Petitioner Marlon Castillo Espada. Ex Parte Application set for hearing on 11/17/2025 at 10:00 AM before Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Memorandum) (Emerick, Scott) (Entered: 11/13/2025)
11/14/2025	<a href="#">7</a>	SCHEDULING NOTICE AND ORDER by Judge John W. Holcomb: On its own motion, the Court hereby SETS a hearing on the Petitioner's Ex Parte Application (the "Application") [ECF No. 6] on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. Counsel for the parties are DIRECTED to appear in person in Courtroom 9D, on the 9th Floor of the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse at 411 W. Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California, at that date and time. The Government is DIRECTED to file a response to the Application no later than Monday, November 17, 2025, at 12:00 noon. IT IS SO ORDERED. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (cla) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/14/2025)
11/17/2025	<a href="#">8</a>	OPPOSITION to EX PARTE APPLICATION for Temporary Restraining Order <a href="#">6</a> filed by Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, John Doe, John Doe, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Declaration)(Kearney, Patrick) (Entered: 11/17/2025)
11/17/2025	<a href="#">9</a>	SCHEDULING NOTICE AND ORDER by Judge John W. Holcomb: On its own motion, the Court ADVANCES the hearing on the Petitioner's Ex Parte Application (the "Application") [ECF No. 6] from Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., to Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ***TIME CHANGE ONLY*** Counsel for the parties are DIRECTED to appear in person in Courtroom 9D, on the 9th Floor of the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse at 411 W. Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California, at that date and time. IT IS SO ORDERED. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (cla) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 11/17/2025)
11/19/2025	<a href="#">10</a>	MINUTE ORDER OF HEARING RE: PETITIONER'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER <a href="#">6</a> held before Judge John W. Holcomb. The hearing on Petitioner's instant Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order [ECF No. 6] is CONTINUED to December 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Respondents are DIRECTED to file a status report on or before December 12, 2025, that advises the Court regarding their efforts to obtain travel documents and to effectuate Petitioner's removal. Optional supplemental briefing from either party is

		due no later than December 17, 2025. IT IS SO ORDERED. (See document for further details)Court Reporter: Miriam Baird. (yl) Modified on 11/21/2025 (yl). (Entered: 11/21/2025)
12/09/2025	11	SCHEDULING NOTICE AND ORDER by Judge John W. Holcomb: On its own motion, the Court ADVANCES the hearing on Petitioner's Ex Parte Application [ECF No. 6] from Friday December 19, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to Friday, December 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. ***TIME CHANGE ONLY*** Counsel for the parties are DIRECTED to appear in person in Courtroom 9D, on the 9th Floor of the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse at 411 W. Fourth Street Santa Ana, CA 92701. IT IS SO ORDERED. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (cla) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 12/09/2025)
12/12/2025	<a href="#">12</a>	RESPONSE filed by Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, John Doe, John Doe, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noemto Motion Hearing,, Set/Reset Motion Hearing and R&R Deadlines,, <a href="#">10</a> (Kearney, Patrick) (Entered: 12/12/2025)
12/17/2025	<a href="#">13</a>	Supplemental BRIEF filed by Petitioner Marlon Castillo Espada. regarding Motion Hearing,, Set/Reset Motion Hearing and R&R Deadlines,, <a href="#">10</a> . (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Declaration Declaration of Kiran Air)(Emerick, Scott) (Entered: 12/17/2025)
12/19/2025	<a href="#">14</a>	MINUTE ORDER OF HEARING REGARDING PETITIONERS' EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER <a href="#">6</a> held before Judge John W. Holcomb. For the reasons stated on the record, Petitioners' Ex Parte Application [ECF No. 6] is DENIED without prejudice. IT IS SO ORDERED. Court Reporter: Sharon Seffens. (yl) (Entered: 12/22/2025)
12/23/2025	<a href="#">15</a>	MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott: Order Requiring Further Briefing on Habeas Petition <a href="#">1</a> . (See document for details.) (nbo) (Entered: 12/23/2025)
01/07/2026	16	ORDER (TEXT ONLY) by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. On 12/23/25 the Court ordered Respondents to respond to the Petition within 2 weeks, i.e., by 1/6/26. (Dkt. <a href="#">15</a> .) Respondents have failed to do so. The Court hereby sets a telephonic status conference with counsel for both parties for Friday, 1/9/26 at 10:00 a.m. The conference call number is 714-475-3442, and the conference ID is 977 002 74. If Respondents file a response to the Petition prior to the status conference, the Court may take the conference off calendar. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (jdo) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 01/07/2026)
01/09/2026	17	MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC STATUS CONFERENCE held before Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. Status Conference is held. Court takes matter under submission. Counsel for Petitioner: Scott Allenson Emerick. Counsel for Respondent: No appearance. Deputy Clerk: Jazmin Dorado. Time in court 00:12. Court Recorder: CourtSmart. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (jdo) (Entered: 01/09/2026)
01/09/2026	<a href="#">18</a>	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION issued by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. Re Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, <a href="#">1</a> . Objections to R&R due by 1/16/2026 (jdo) (Entered: 01/09/2026)
01/09/2026	<a href="#">19</a>	NOTICE OF FILING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION by Magistrate Judge

		Karen E. Scott. Objections to R&R due by 1/16/2026. (jdo) (Entered: 01/09/2026)
01/16/2026	<a href="#">20</a>	RESPONSE filed by Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, John Doe, John Doe, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noemto Report and Recommendation (Issued) <a href="#">18</a> (Kearney, Patrick) (Entered: 01/16/2026)
01/20/2026	<a href="#">21</a>	FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION issued by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. Re: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, <a href="#">1</a> . (jdo) (Entered: 01/20/2026)
01/23/2026	<a href="#">22</a>	ORDER ACCEPTING FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE by Judge John W. Holcomb for Report and Recommendation (Final) <a href="#">21</a> . The Petition is GRANTED. Respondents are DIRECTED to RELEASE Petitioner Marlon Castillo Espada from custody FORTHWITH, subject to the order of supervision that governed his release prior to his October 23, 2025, detention. (SEE DOCUMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS) (sh) (Entered: 01/23/2026)
02/03/2026	<a href="#">23</a>	ORDER REQUIRING RESPONDENTS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR VIOLATING COURT ORDERS by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, within seven (7) days of the date of this Order, Respondents shall: File a Status Report that advises the Court regarding (a) Espada's custody status, as previously ordered, and (b) Espada's immigration A-number; and Show cause in writing, if any they have, why the Magistrate Judge should not certify the facts set forth in this Order and initiate civil contempt proceedings before the District Judge. (SEE DOCUMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS) (sh) (Entered: 02/04/2026)
02/10/2026	<a href="#">24</a>	RESPONSE filed by Respondents Pamela Jo Bondi, John Doe, John Doe, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noemto Order to Show Cause,, <a href="#">23</a> (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit Exhibit A OSUP Release)(Kearney, Patrick) (Entered: 02/10/2026)
02/12/2026	<a href="#">25</a>	ORDER (TEXT ONLY) by Magistrate Judge Karen E. Scott. After reviewing Respondents' filing on February 10, 2026 (Dkt. <a href="#">24</a> ), the Court hereby discharges the Order to Show Cause issued on February 3, 2026 (Dkt. <a href="#">23</a> ). THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (jdo) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 02/12/2026)
02/27/2026	<a href="#">26</a>	JUDGMENT by Judge John W. Holcomb, Related to: R&R - Accepting Report and Recommendations, <a href="#">22</a> . It is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Petition is GRANTED. (MD JS-6, Case Terminated). (san) (Entered: 03/11/2026)

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