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**United States District Court
District of Nevada (Las Vegas)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:25-cv-02281-RFB-EJY**

Mejia Soto v. Rader et al
Assigned to: Judge Richard F. Boulware, II
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Elayna J. Youchah
Cases: [2:25-cv-01542-RFB-EJY](#)
[2:25-cv-01553-RFB-BNW](#)
[2:25-cv-02136-RFB-MDC](#)

Date Filed: 11/18/2025
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -
Alien Detainee
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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

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11/18/2025	1	First PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Filing fee \$ 5 receipt number ANVDC-8255447) by Yaky Howard Mejia Soto. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet) (Walters, David) (Entered: 11/18/2025)
11/18/2025	2	EXHIBIT <i>Index</i> to 1 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by Plaintiff Yaky Howard Mejia Soto. (Walters, David) (Entered: 11/18/2025)
11/18/2025		Case randomly assigned to Judge Cristina D. Silva and Magistrate Judge Elayna J. Youchah. (MAM) (Entered: 11/18/2025)
11/21/2025	3	<p>ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE.</p> <p>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is kindly directed to transfer Case No. 2:25-cv-02281-CDS-EJY to Judge Richard F. Boulware, II. All further documents must bear the correct case number 2:25-cv-02281-RFB-EJY.</p> <p>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court is kindly instructed to administratively RELATE this matter to Case Nos. 2:25-cv-01542-RFB-EJY, 2:25-cv-01553-RFB-BNW, and 2:25-cv-02136-RFB-MDC.</p> <p>Signed by Judge Cristina D. Silva, and Judge Richard F. Boulware, II., on 11/21/2025. (Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF - MAM) (Entered: 11/21/2025)</p>
11/21/2025	4	<p>SCREENING ORDER.</p> <p>Respondents are ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE why the Writ should not be granted. See 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Respondents shall file, in writing, a (i) notice of appearance and (ii) "a return certifying the true cause of detention" on or before November 25, 2025. Id. Petitioner may file a traverse on or before November 29, 2025.</p> <p>IT IS FURTHER KINDLY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DELIVER a copy of the Petition (ECF No. 1), attachments (ECF Nos. 1 -1, 2), and this Order to the U.S. Marshal for service. 2. ADD the United States Attorney for the District of Nevada to the docket as an

		<p>Interested Party.</p> <p>3. SEND, through CM/ECF, a copy of the Petition (ECF No. 1), attachments (ECF Nos. 1 -1, 2), and this Order to the United States Attorney for the District of Nevada.</p> <p>4. MAIL a copy of the Petition (ECF No. 1), attachments (ECF Nos. 1 -1, 2), and this Order pursuant to Rule 4(i)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to: Respondents at addresses provided in this order.</p> <p>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the U.S. Marshal SERVE a copy of the Petition (ECF No. 1), attachments (ECF Nos. 1 -1, 2), and this Order on the United States Attorney for the District of Nevada or on an Assistant United States Attorney or clerical employee designated by the United States Attorney pursuant to Rule 4(i)(1) (A)(i) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.</p> <p>See order for details.</p> <p>Signed by Judge Richard F. Boulware, II on 11/21/2025. (Attachments: # 1 Petition and attachment) (Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF; cc: USM, AUSA, Respondents - MAM) (Entered: 11/21/2025)</p>
11/25/2025	5	NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Virginia Tomova on behalf of Defendants Michael Bernacke, Pamela Bondi, Summer Johnson, Kristi Noem. (Tomova, Virginia) (Entered: 11/25/2025)
11/25/2025	6	MOTION to Extend Time (First Request) re 4 Order,,,,,, by Defendants Michael Bernacke, Pamela Bondi, Summer Johnson, Kristi Noem. Responses due by 12/9/2025. (Tomova, Virginia) (presiding) (Entered: 11/25/2025)
11/26/2025	7	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE for 4 Order. (RJDG) (Entered: 12/01/2025)
12/03/2025	8	NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Christian Michael Orme on behalf of Defendant Reggie Rader. (Orme, Christian) (Entered: 12/03/2025)
12/03/2025	9	NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Christian Ramses Ruiz on behalf of Defendants Michael Bernacke, Pamela Bondi, Summer Johnson, Kristi Noem. (Ruiz, Christian) (Entered: 12/03/2025)
12/04/2025	10	First MOTION for Summary Judgment re 4 Order,,,,,, by Plaintiff Yaky Howard Mejia Soto. Responses due by 12/25/2025. (Attachments: # 1 Supplement Certificate of Interested Parties)(Walters, David) (Entered: 12/04/2025)
12/11/2025	11	ORDER Granting 1 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and Denying as moot 6 Motion to Extend Time and 10 Petitioner's Motion for Summary Judgment. Status Report due by 12/17/2025. See Order for Details. Signed by Judge Richard F. Boulware, II on 12/11/2025. (Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF - MAM) (Entered: 12/11/2025)
12/12/2025	12	First MOTION for Attorney Fees re 11 Order on Motion to Extend/Shorten Time,, Order on Motion for Summary Judgment,, by Plaintiff Yaky Howard Mejia Soto. (Postjudgment) Responses are due by 12/26/2025. (Walters, David) (Entered: 12/12/2025)
12/17/2025	13	First STATUS REPORT by Plaintiff Yaky Howard Mejia Soto. (Walters, David)

		(Entered: 12/17/2025)
12/17/2025	14	<p>MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS of the Honorable Judge Richard F. Boulware, II on 12/17/2025.</p> <p>On December 11, 2025, this Court granted Petitioner Mejia Soto's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordered Respondents to provide him an individualized bond hearing by December 16, 2025, or release him from custody. <u>See</u> ECF No. 11 . Petitioner's counsel's December 17, 2025 13 status report indicates that a bond hearing has not occurred, yet Petitioner remains in custody in violation of the Court's Order. Respondents have not sought a stay or extension to comply with the Order.</p> <p>Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondents shall IMMEDIATELY RELEASE Petitioner from custody.</p> <p>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Reggie Radar shall file a notice of compliance with this Order by close of business TODAY.</p> <p>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that failure to comply with this order may lead to sanctions by the Court.</p> <p>Notice of Compliance is due by 12/17/2025 at 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>(Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF - IML) (Entered: 12/17/2025)</p>
12/17/2025	15	NOTICE of Compliance by Respondent City of Henderson and Reggie Rader by Reggie Rader. (Orme, Christian) (Entered: 12/17/2025)
12/30/2025	16	STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (First Request) re 12 Motion for Attorney Fees by Defendants Michael Bernacke, Pamela Bondi, Kristi Noem.. (Ruiz, Christian) (extend) (nondispositive) (Entered: 12/30/2025)
12/31/2025	17	ORDER Granting 16 Stipulation for Extension of Time. Responses are due by 1/9/2025. Signed by Judge Richard F. Boulware, II on 12/31/2025. (Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF - AMMi) (Entered: 01/05/2026)
01/09/2026	18	RESPONSE to 12 Motion for Attorney Fees by Defendants Michael Bernacke, Pamela Bondi, Summer Johnson, Kristi Noem. Replies are due by 1/16/2026. (Ruiz, Christian) (Entered: 01/09/2026)
02/20/2026	19	<p>MINUTE ORDER IN CHAMBERS of the Honorable Judge Richard F. Boulware, II on 2/20/2026.</p> <p>In accordance with the Court's 11 Order, the Clerk of Court is instructed to enter judgment and close this case. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce its order and judgment. Likewise, the Court retains jurisdiction to consider any request for attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412.</p> <p>(Copies have been distributed pursuant to the NEF - CMB) (Entered: 02/20/2026)</p>

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