

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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BRANDON STEVE P.S.,

Case No. 26-CV-626 (NEB/DLM)

Petitioner,

v.

PAMELA BONDI, Attorney General,  
KRISTI NOEM, Secretary, U.S.  
Department of Homeland Security,  
TODD M. LYONS, Acting Director of  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement,  
and DAVID EASTERWOOD, Acting  
Director, St. Paul Field Office Immigration  
and Customs Enforcement,

ORDER

Respondents.

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1. Respondents are directed to file an answer to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus of Petitioner by no later than January 26, 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 *Andres R.E. v. Bondi*, No. 25-CV-3946 (NEB/DLM), 2025 WL 3146312 (D. Minn. Nov. 4, 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 January 28, 2026. Thereafter, no further submissions from either party will be permitted, except as authorized by Court order.

Dated: January 24, 2026  
Time: 6:50 p.m.

BY THE COURT:  
s/Nancy E. Brasel  
Nancy E. Brasel  
United States District Judge