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**U.S. District Court  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA (Phoenix Division)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:26-cv-01869-SHD--ASB**

Betanco v. Rosa et al  
Assigned to: Judge Sharad H Desai  
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Alison S Bachus (PS)  
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Federal)

Date Filed: 03/19/2026  
Date Terminated: 03/25/2026  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 463 Prisoner: Alien  
Detainee - Habeas Corpus  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Petitioner**

**Sergio Mendez Betanco**

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**Respondent**

**Luis Rosa, Jr.**  
*Warden, Central Arizona Florence  
Correctional Complex*

represented by **Theo Nickerson**  
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**Respondent**

**Christopher McGregor**  
*named as Christopher D McGregor,  
Phoenix Field Office Director,  
Enforcement and Removal Operations,  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement*

represented by **Theo Nickerson**  
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**Respondent**

**Kristi Noem**  
*Secretary, US Department of Homeland  
 Security*

represented by **Theo Nickerson**  
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**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

**Respondent**

**Pamela Bondi**  
*US Attorney General*

represented by **Theo Nickerson**  
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**LEAD ATTORNEY**  
**ATTORNEY TO BE NOTICED**

<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
03/19/2026	<a href="#">1</a>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Fed/2241). Filing fee received: \$5.00, receipt number AAZDC-25371807 filed by Sergio Mendez Betanco. (Christiani, Nora) (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(DXD) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026	<a href="#">2</a>	SUMMONS Submitted by Sergio Mendez Betanco. (Christiani, Nora) (DXD) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026	<a href="#">3</a>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Instructions) (DXD) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026		Remark: Pro hac vice motion(s) granted for Nora Marie Christiani on behalf of Petitioner Sergio Mendez Betanco. This is a TEXT ENTRY ONLY. There is no PDF document associated with this entry. (BAS) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026	<a href="#">4</a>	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE: Counsel for Petitioner must immediately serve the Petition <a href="#">1</a> and a copy of this Order on Respondents. If not already issued, the Clerk of Court must issue any properly completed summonses. The Clerk of Court must immediately transmit by email a copy of this Order and the Petition to the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, to the attention of Melissa Kroeger at melissa.kroeger@usdoj.gov, Lon Leavitt at lon.leavitt@usdoj.gov, Theo Nickerson at Theo.Nickerson2@usdoj.gov, Dina Anagnopoulos at Dina.Anagnopoulos@usdoj.gov, and Mary Finlon at Mary.Finlon@usdoj.gov. Respondents must show cause no later than March 24, 2026, why the Petition should not be granted. Petitioner may file a reply no later than March 26, 2026. See document for complete details. Signed by Judge Sharad H Desai on 3/19/2026. (KLG) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026	<a href="#">5</a>	Summons Issued as to Pamela Bondi, Christopher McGregor, Kristi Noem, Luis Rosa, Jr. (KLG). *** IMPORTANT: When printing the summons, select "Document and stamps" or "Document and comments" for the seal to appear on the document. (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/23/2026	<a href="#">6</a>	SERVICE EXECUTED filed by Sergio Mendez Betanco: Affidavit of Service re: Petition, Summons upon Luis Rosa Jr.; Christopher McGregor; Kristi Noem; Pamela Bondi on 03/20/2026. (Christiani, Nora) (Entered: 03/23/2026)
03/24/2026	<a href="#">7</a>	RESPONSE to <a href="#">1</a> Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Fed/2241) <i>and Response to Order to Show Cause</i> by Pamela Bondi, Christopher McGregor, Kristi Noem, Luis

		Rosa, Jr.(Nickerson, Theo) (Entered: 03/24/2026)
03/25/2026	<a href="#">8</a>	ORDER: Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. <a href="#">1</a> ) is granted. Respondents must immediately release Petitioner from custody under the same conditions that existed before his redetention. Respondents must provide a notice of compliance within two business days of Petitioner's release. Any pending motions are denied as moot and the Clerk of Court shall enter judgment in Petitioner's favor and close this case. Signed by Judge Sharad H Desai on 3/25/2026. (KJ) (Entered: 03/25/2026)
03/25/2026	<a href="#">9</a>	CLERK'S JUDGMENT - Pursuant to the Court's Order filed 3/25/2026, Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is granted. Judgment is entered in Petitioner's favor and this case is hereby closed. (KJ) (Entered: 03/25/2026)
04/07/2026	10	ORDER: By Order dated 3/25/2026, the Court granted the Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and ordered that Respondents immediately release Petitioner from custody. (Doc. <a href="#">8</a> .) The Court further directed that Respondents file a Notice of Compliance within two business days of that Order. ( <i>Id.</i> ) To date, no Notice has been filed. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that no later than <b>Thursday, 4/9/2026</b> , Respondents must file the Notice of Compliance ordered by the Court. Ordered by Judge Sharad H. Desai on 4/7/2026. This is a TEXT ENTRY ONLY. There is no PDF document associated with this entry. (RMW) (Entered: 04/07/2026)
04/07/2026	<a href="#">11</a>	NOTICE re: NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE by Pamela Bondi, Christopher McGregor, Kristi Noem, Luis Rosa, Jr . (Nickerson, Theo) (Entered: 04/07/2026)

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