

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL

Case No.	5:26-cv-01365-SPG-ADS	Date	March 27, 2026
Title	Saajan Dhiman v. David Marin et al		

Present: The Honorable	SHERILYN PEACE GARNETT UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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<p><u>P. Gomez</u> Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Attorneys Present for Plaintiff: Not Present</p>	<p><u>Not Reported</u> Court Reporter / Recorder</p> <p>Attorneys Present for Defendants: Not Present</p>
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**Proceeding: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER STRIKING FEDERAL RESPONDENTS’
RESPONSE TO PETITIONER’S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER [ECF NO. 8]**

On March 25, 2026, Respondents David Marin, Warden, Adelanto ICE Processing Center; Thomas Giles, Director of the Los Angeles ICE Field Office; Todd Lyons, Acting Director of ICE; Markwayne Mullin, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; and Pamela Bondi, Attorney General of the United States; (together, “Respondents”), filed a response to Petitioner Saajan Dhiman’s Ex Parte Application for Temporary Restraining Order, (ECF No. 2 (“Application”)). (ECF No. 8 (“Response”)). In the Response, Respondents state that they “submit this response to the Court’s February 26, 2026, order requiring a response to Petitioner’s ex parte application for temporary restraining order,” and contend that “Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*.” (*Id.* at 1) (citing *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025), *reconsideration granted in part*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3713982 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2025), *and amended and superseded on reconsideration*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3713987 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2025), *judgment entered sub nom. Maldonado Bautista v. Noem*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3678485 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 18, 2025)).

The Court did not order Respondents to file this response. Petitioner, representing himself, concurrently filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and the Petition on March 19, 2026. See (ECF No. 1 (“Habeas Petition”)); (Application). The Court necessarily could not issue an order before Petitioner commenced the action. Therefore, the Court STRIKES the Response. Respondents are cautioned that future misrepresentations before the Court may be deemed sanctionable conduct.

Nevertheless, Respondents contend that “Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*.” (Response at 1). On December 18, 2025, the court entered judgment in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz* and

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declared that “Bond Eligible Class members are detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and are not subject to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2),” and “pursuant to Defendants’ regulations, see 8 C.F.R. §§ 236.1, 1236.1, and 1003.19, the Bond Eligible Class members are detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), are not subject to mandatory detention under § 1225(b)(2), and are entitled to consideration for release on bond by immigration officers and, if not released, a custody redetermination hearing before an immigration judge.” *Maldonado Bautista v. Noem*, 2025 WL 3678485, at *1. If Petitioner is a member of the Bond Eligible Class, as Respondents suggest, then Respondents are mandated to act in accordance with the court’s final judgment in *Maldonado Bautista v. Noem*, 2025 WL 3678485. Respondents’ failure to do so will undoubtedly result in an unnecessary emergency petition and, if granted, possible sanctions. See, e.g., *Rios Vega v. Noem*, No. 5:26-CV-00058-SSS-BFM, 2026 WL 136227, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 14, 2026) (citing cases where “Respondents’ continued defiance of valid court orders and its final judgment has resulted in unnecessary, voluminous filings of ex parte temporary restraining orders,” such that members of the Bond Eligible Class were detained and denied bond hearings on numerous occasions).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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