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U.S. District Court
U.S. District of Minnesota (DMN)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 0:26-cv-01406-DWF-LIB

Montealegre Sanchez v. Bondi et al
Assigned to: Judge Donovan W. Frank
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois
Cause: 8:1105(a) Aliens: Habeas Corpus to Release INS Det

Date Filed: 02/12/2026
Date Terminated: 02/18/2026
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -
Alien Detainee
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/12/2026	1	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (filing fee \$ 5, receipt number AMNDC-12677927) filed by Nicolethe Nahomy Montealegre Sanchez. Filer requests summons issued. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet) (Hayden, John) (Entered: 02/12/2026)
02/12/2026	2	(Text-Only) CLERK'S NOTICE OF INITIAL CASE ASSIGNMENT. Case assigned to Judge Donovan W. Frank per 3rd, 4th - Prisoner: Alien Detainee Habeas list, referred to Magistrate Judge Leo I. Brisbois. Please use case number 26-cv-1406 DWF/LIB. <hr/> <p>Notice: All Nongovernmental Corporate Parties must file a Rule 7.1 Corporate Disclosure Statement.</p> <hr/>

		(MME) (Entered: 02/12/2026)
02/13/2026	3	ORDER: Respondents are directed to file an answer to the Petition (Doc. No. 1) by February 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT. If Petitioner intends to file a reply to Respondents answer, she must do so by February 18, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CT. Respondents, or any other person, entity, or agency of the government, or anyone acting in concert with Respondents or the government, are ENJOINED from moving Petitioner from the District of Minnesota during the pendency of this action. If Petitioner has already been moved from Minnesota, Respondents are ORDERED to immediately return Petitioner to Minnesota. Judge Nancy E. Brasel entered a Temporary Restraining Order on February 12, 2026, in <i>Advocates for Human Rights v. U.S. Department of Homeland Security</i> , No. 26-cv-749 (the "TRO"). The requirements of the TRO apply to this case. Accordingly, Respondents must, among other things, ensure that Petitioner has telephone and in-person access to counsel, as outlined in the TRO. Signed by Judge Donovan W. Frank on 2/13/2026. (See Order for Further Specifics)/(b)(las) (Entered: 02/13/2026)
02/16/2026	4	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Isihara on behalf of Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 02/16/2026)
02/16/2026	5	RESPONSE to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 02/16/2026)
02/18/2026	6	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER: Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus (Doc. No. 1) is GRANTED . Respondents are ORDERED to release Petitioner from custody immediately. Within three (3) days of the date of this Order, the Government shall provide the Court with a status update. Respondents are ENJOINED from re-detaining Petitioner under this same statutory theory, absent materially changed circumstances. (Written Opinion) Signed by Judge Donovan W. Frank on 2/18/2026. (See Order for Specifics.) (LJL) (Entered: 02/18/2026)
02/19/2026	7	JUDGMENT (Attachments: # 1 Civil Notice - appeal)(JME) (Entered: 02/19/2026)
02/21/2026	8	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 02/21/2026)
02/22/2026	9	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem. (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 02/22/2026)
03/03/2026	10	MOTION to Enforce Judgment filed by Nicolethe Nahomy Montealegre Sanchez. (Hayden, John) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/03/2026	11	Declaration of John Hayden in Support of 10 MOTION to Enforce Judgment filed by Nicolethe Nahomy Montealegre Sanchez.(Hayden, John) (Entered: 03/03/2026)
03/04/2026	12	ORDER: The Court GRANTS Petitioner's motion to enforce judgment (Doc. No. 10). Respondents shall file a status report no later than 12:00 p.m. CT on March 6, 2026. If Respondents fail, the Court will issue an order to show cause why Respondents should not be held in contempt, and a contempt hearing will be scheduled. Signed by Judge Donovan W. Frank on 3/4/2026. (See Order for Specifics) (las) (Entered: 03/04/2026)
03/06/2026	13	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi

		Noem. (Attachments: # 1 Release letter - no conditions)(Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
03/06/2026	14	TEXT ONLY ORDER re: 13 Status Report by Respondents. Respondents filed an update confirming that the conditions imposed on Petitioner were revoked but requesting more time to locate her passport. (Doc. No. 13 .) The request for an extension is GRANTED . The Court will allow Respondents until Monday, March 9, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. to locate the passport and file a second status report confirming that the passport has been returned to Petitioner or her counsels custody. Ordered by Judge Donovan W. Frank on 3/6/2026.(las) (Entered: 03/06/2026)
03/09/2026	15	NOTICE by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem <i>Status Report</i> (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 03/09/2026)
03/16/2026	16	TEXT ONLY ORDER re: 15 Notice by Respondents On March 9, 2026, Respondents filed a notice informing the Court that a package that they believed contained Petitioner's passport was being shipped to Minnesota. (Doc. No. 15 .) Respondents said they would file another status update once the package was delivered. The package was delivered March 10, 2026, but the Court has received no such update, nor does the Court have confirmation that the package contained Petitioners passport. Respondents are ORDERED to file a status update by March 17, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. with all necessary information. Ordered by Judge Donovan W. Frank on 3/16/2026.(las) (Entered: 03/16/2026)
03/17/2026	17	NOTICE by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, Kristi Noem re 16 Order to Party File Document/Respond to Court,, <i>Status Update</i> (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 03/17/2026)
04/06/2026	18	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons. (Isihara, Matthew) (Entered: 04/06/2026)

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