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**U.S. District Court  
District of New Jersey [LIVE] (Trenton)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:26-cv-03200-GC**

TORRES SEGOVIA v. BONDI et al  
Assigned to: Judge Georgette Castner  
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federa

Date Filed: 03/26/2026  
Date Terminated: 06/03/2026  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -  
Alien Detainee  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
03/26/2026	<a href="#">1</a>	Emergency PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus ( Filing fee \$ 5 receipt number ANJDC-17240068.), filed by LUIS JOSE TORRES SEGOVIA. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(KAPITONOV, PETER) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/26/2026	<a href="#">2</a>	Emergency MOTION for Temporary Restraining Order <i>to Enjoin Respondents from Transferring Petitioner From the Jurisdiction &amp; Further Relief</i> by LUIS JOSE

		TORRES SEGOVIA. (KAPITONOV, PETER) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/26/2026		<b>CLERK'S QUALITY CONTROL MESSAGE</b> - The case you electronically filed has been processed, however, the following deficiencies were found: <a href="#">Nature of Suit by selecting the wrong nature of suit your documents were not restricted. Please remember to select NOS 463 when filing Habeas cases involving immigration detainee to protect personal identifiers</a> , . The Clerk's Office has made the appropriate changes. Please refer to the Attorney Case Opening Guide for processing electronically filed cases. (dmw, ) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/26/2026		Judge Georgette Castner added. (dmw) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/26/2026	3	TEXT ORDER. Respondents are hereby enjoined from transferring Petitioner from New Jersey pending further Order of the Court. So Ordered by Chief Judge Renee Marie Bumb on 3/26/2026. (dmw) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/26/2026		Notice of Judicial Preferences. <a href="#">Click here</a> for the Judge's Individual Procedure Requirements. (jjc, ) (Entered: 03/26/2026)
03/27/2026	4	<b>TEXT ORDER:</b> This matter is before the Court on Petitioner's petition (Petition) for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. (ECF No. <a href="#">1</a> .) Petitioner also has filed a motion for an order to show cause ("OTSC") and a temporary restraining order ("TRO") prohibiting Respondents from transferring Petitioner outside the District of New Jersey or removing him from the United States pending adjudication of the Petition (Motion for OTSC and TRO). (No. 2.) Chief Judge Renee Marie Bumb entered a Text Order enjoining Respondents from transferring Petitioner from New Jersey pending further Order of the Court. (ECF No. <a href="#">2</a> .) Pursuant to the All Writs Act, see 28 U.S.C. § 1651(a), Respondents SHALL NOT TRANSFER Petitioner from the District of New Jersey, and SHALL NOT REMOVE Petitioner from the United States, pending further order of this Court. The Motion for OTSC and TRO is DENIED as moot. The Clerk of the Court shall TERMINATE the Motion pending at ECF No. <a href="#">2</a> . According to Petitioner, Respondents are detaining Petitioner under the mandatory detention provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b), pursuant to the decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals in <i>Matter of Yajure Hurtado</i> , 29 I. & N. Dec. 216 (BIA 2025). (ECF No. <a href="#">1</a> Paras. 39, 145.) Under this Court's recent decisions in <i>Chen v. Soto</i> , No. 25-17198, 2025 WL 3527239 (D.N.J. Dec. 9, 2025), <i>Flores v. Rokosky</i> , No. 25-18998, 2026 WL 84434 (D.N.J. Jan. 12, 2026), and <i>Mistry v. Rokosky</i> , No. 25-17647, ECF No. 15 (" <i>Mistry</i> Jan. 28, 2026 Mem. & Order"), the Court holds that Petitioner is subject to detention under § 1226(a), which requires an opportunity to seek bond, <i>Chen</i> , 2025 WL 3527239, at *2-4; <i>Flores</i> , 2026 WL 84434, at *2-3; <i>Mistry</i> Jan. 28, 2026 Mem. & Order at 5-9. Specifically, it appears that, inter alia: (1) in 2021, Petitioner entered the United States through the Southern border, evidently without inspection, and has continuously resided in this country for approximately five years; (2) in the interior of the United States, Petitioner was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") in Clementon, New Jersey, while he was on the way to work; (3) prior to this recent arrest, Petitioner had never been arrested. (ECF No. <a href="#">1</a> Paras. 12-13, 16-18.) Based on these alleged facts, this Court's rulings in <i>Chen</i> , <i>Flores</i> , and <i>Mistry</i> control this present matter. <i>Chen</i> , 2025 WL 3527239, at *4; <i>Flores</i> , 2026 WL 84434, at *2-3; <i>Mistry</i> Jan. 28, 2026 Mem. & Order at 5-9. <b>In accordance with 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), within ten (10) days of the date of entry of this Text Order, Respondents shall provide Petitioner with an individualized bond hearing before an IJ who shall assess</b>

		<p><b>whether he presents a flight risk or a danger to the community, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 236.1(c)(8), (d)(1). Petitioner's counsel shall have notice of the bond hearing, a reasonable opportunity to prepare, and be permitted to reschedule the hearing without seeking this Court's intervention. Within three (3) days of that bond hearing, Respondents shall file a written notice of the outcome of that hearing with this Court.</b> Alternatively, if Respondents contend that this Court's decisions do not control, they shall file an expedited answer within seven (7) days of the date of entry of this Text Order, and Petitioner may file a reply within five (5) days of the date of filing of Respondents' expedited answer. Finally, the Clerk of the Court shall forward a copy of the Petition (ECF No. <a href="#">1</a> ), the attachment to the Petition (ECF No. <a href="#">1</a> -1), the Motion for OTSC and TRO (ECF No. <a href="#">2</a> ), and this Text Order to the Chief, Civil Division, United States Attorney's Office, at the following email address: USANJ-HabeasCases@usdoj.gov. So Ordered by Judge Georgette Castner on 3/27/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 03/27/2026)</p>
03/27/2026		<p><a href="#">4</a> Text Order and ECF Nos. <a href="#">1</a> and <a href="#">2</a> emailed to USANJ-HabeasCases@usdoj.gov on 3/27/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 03/27/2026)</p>
03/31/2026	<a href="#">5</a>	<p>NOTICE of Appearance by ROBERT NUSE on behalf of PAMELA BONDI, ELIZABETH DETENTION CENTER, TODD LYONS, KRISTI NOEM, JOHN TSOUKARIS (NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 03/31/2026)</p>
04/04/2026	<a href="#">6</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents re 4 Text Order,,,,,,,,,,,,,,. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit Immigration Court Order)(NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 04/04/2026)</p>
05/01/2026	7	<p><b>TEXT ORDER:</b> This matter comes before the Court on the letter filed by Respondents on April 4, 2026. (ECF No. <a href="#">6</a> .) According to Respondents, pursuant to this Court's March 27, 2026 Text Order (ECF No. 4 ), a bond hearing before the immigration court was scheduled for April 2, 2026. (ECF No. <a href="#">6</a> at 1.) "However, on Saturday, April 4, ICE notified [the United States Attorney's Office ("USAO")] that Petitioner's counsel did not enter a notice of appearance with the immigration court until April 3, 2026--the day after the bond hearing. As a result, Petitioner did not receive the notice of the hearing." (<i>Id.</i>) The bond hearing went forward as scheduled (without Petitioner's counsel), and the IJ denied bond. (<i>Id.</i>) Subsequently, the USAO conferred with Petitioner's as to whether he intends to request a new bond hearing with the immigration court directly or seek an amended order from this Court ordering a second bond hearing. (<i>Id.</i>) According to the USAO, "[w]e will update the Court on further developments." (<i>Id.</i>) To date, no update has been received. Within three (3) days of the date of entry of this Text Order, Respondents shall file a status update. So Ordered by Judge Georgette Castner on 5/01/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 05/01/2026)</p>
05/01/2026	<a href="#">8</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents re 7 Text Order,,,,,,. (NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 05/01/2026)</p>
05/04/2026	<a href="#">9</a>	<p>Letter from Petitioner's Counsel re <a href="#">8</a> Letter. (KAPITONOV, PETER) (Entered: 05/04/2026)</p>
05/05/2026	10	<p><b>TEXT ORDER:</b> This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's May 4, 2026 letter requesting that the Court schedule a bond hearing upon Petitioner's submission of the bond package. (ECF No. <a href="#">9</a> .) Petitioner's request is GRANTED. Respondents acknowledge that, pursuant to this Court's March 27, 2026 Text Order (March 27, 2026 Text Order) (ECF No. 4 ), a bond hearing before the immigration court was</p>

		<p>scheduled for April 2, 2026. (ECF No. 6 at 1.) "However, on Saturday, April 4, ICE notified [the United States Attorney's Office] that Petitioner's counsel did not enter a notice of appearance with the immigration court until April 3, 2026--the day after the bond hearing. As a result, Petitioner did not receive the notice of the hearing." (Id.) Furthermore, the March 27, 2026 Text Order specifically stated that "Petitioner's counsel shall have notice of the bond hearing, a reasonable opportunity to prepare, and be permitted to reschedule the hearing without seeking this Court's intervention." (ECF No. 4 (emphasis omitted).) In accordance with 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), within ten (10) days of Petitioner's submission of the bond package, Respondents shall provide Petitioner with an individualized bond hearing before an IJ who shall assess whether he presents a flight risk or a danger to the community, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 236.1(c)(8), (d)(1). Petitioner's counsel shall have notice of the bond hearing, a reasonable opportunity to prepare, and be permitted to reschedule the hearing without seeking this Court's intervention. Within three (3) days of that bond hearing, Respondents shall file a written notice of the outcome of that hearing with this Court. So Ordered by Judge Georgette Castner on 5/5/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 05/05/2026)</p>
05/14/2026	11	<p><b>TEXT ORDER:</b> This matter comes before the Court on its review of the docket. On May 5, 2026, the Court entered a Text Order stating that, "within ten (10) days of Petitioner's submission of the bond package," Respondents shall provide Petitioner with an individualized bond hearing before an IJ who shall assess whether he presents a flight risk or a danger to the community, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 236.1(c)(8), (d)(1). (ECF No. 10 ). Within three (3) days of the date of entry of this Text Order, Petitioner shall provide the Court an update regarding the status of the bond hearing. So Ordered by Judge Georgette Castner on 5/14/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 05/14/2026)</p>
05/19/2026	<a href="#">12</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents re 11 Text Order,, (NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 05/19/2026)</p>
05/22/2026	<a href="#">13</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents. (NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 05/22/2026)</p>
05/27/2026	<a href="#">14</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents re 11 Text Order,, (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit Notice of Hearing)(NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 05/27/2026)</p>
06/02/2026	<a href="#">15</a>	<p>Letter from Respondents re <a href="#">14</a> Letter, 11 Text Order,, (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit Immigration Court Order)(NUSE, ROBERT) (Entered: 06/02/2026)</p>
06/03/2026	16	<p><b>TEXT ORDER:</b> The Court previously ordered that Petitioner receive a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). (ECF No. 10 .) The bond hearing has now occurred, and the IJ denied Petitioner's request for a change in custody status. (ECF No. <a href="#">15</a> .) The Court LIFTS its Order (ECF No. 4 ) prohibiting Petitioner's transfer from the District of New Jersey and his removal from the United States pending further order of this Court. The Clerk of Court shall CLOSE this matter. So Ordered by Judge Georgette Castner on 6/3/2026. (jmh) (Entered: 06/03/2026)</p>

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