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U.S. District Court
U.S. District of Minnesota (DMN)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 0:26-cv-01892-JRT-DJF

Tucto v. Blanche et al
Assigned to: Judge John R. Tunheim
Referred to: Magistrate Judge Dulce J. Foster
Demand: \$0
Case in other court: USCA 8th Circuit, 26-02097
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federal)

Date Filed: 03/16/2026
Date Terminated: 04/20/2026
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 463 Habeas Corpus -
Alien Detainee
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/16/2026	<u>1</u>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus (filing fee \$ 5, receipt number AMNDC-

		12791715) filed by Alex Patricio Guaman Tucto. Filer requests summons issued. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet) (Asp, Emily) (Entered: 03/16/2026)
03/16/2026	2	(Text-Only) CLERK'S NOTICE OF INITIAL CASE ASSIGNMENT. Case assigned to Judge John R. Tunheim per 3rd/4th Prisoner Alien Detainee Habeas list, referred to Magistrate Judge Dulce J. Foster. Please use case number 26-cv-1892 (JRT/DJF). <u>Notice: All Nongovernmental Corporate Parties must file a Rule 7.1 Corporate Disclosure Statement.</u> (MMP) (Entered: 03/16/2026)
03/17/2026	3	ORDER. If Petitioner is being detained in Minnesota, Respondents are ENJOINED from removing, transferring, or otherwise facilitating the removal of Petitioner from the District of Minnesota until the Court issues an order on the pending Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus 1 . If Petitioner has already been removed from Minnesota, Respondents are ORDERED to immediately return Petitioner to Minnesota. Respondents are directed to file an answer to the petition for a writ of habeas corpus of Petitioner Alex P.G.T. by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026 , certifying the true cause and proper duration of Petitioners confinement and showing cause why the writ should not be granted in this case. If Petitioner intends to file a reply to Respondents' answer, she must do so by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2026 . Thereafter, no further submissions from either party will be permitted, except as authorized by Court order. Signed by Judge John R. Tunheim on 3/17/2026. (CRD) (Entered: 03/17/2026)
03/19/2026	4	RESPONSE by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, U.S. Department of Homeland Security re 1 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus . (Brown, Trevor) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/19/2026	5	DECLARATION of William Robinson re 4 Response by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, U.S. Department of Homeland Security . (Brown, Trevor) (Entered: 03/19/2026)
03/20/2026	6	REPLY re 3 Order/Notice to Attorney,,,, <i>in Support of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus</i> filed by Alex Patricio Guaman Tucto.(Maxwell, Kelly) (Entered: 03/20/2026)
03/20/2026	7	DECLARATION of Evony Ka Vang re 3 Order/Notice to Attorney,,,, 6 Reply by Alex Patricio Guaman Tucto . (Maxwell, Kelly) (Entered: 03/20/2026)
03/24/2026	8	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER Petitioner Alex P.G.T.'s Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus 1 is GRANTED . If Petitioner is being detained outside of Minnesota, Respondents shall TRANSPORT Petitioner to Minnesota and RELEASE Petitioner from custody immediately. Petitioner's release in Minnesota must occur no later than 48 hours after the filing of this Order . If Petitioner is being detained in Minnesota, Respondents shall RELEASE Petitioner from custody as soon as practicable, and no later than 48 hours from the filing of this Order . Both parties shall provide the Court with a status update concerning the status of Petitioner's release by no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 27, 2026 . See Order for detail. (Written Opinion) Signed by Judge John R. Tunheim on 3/24/2026. (crd) (Entered: 03/24/2026)
03/27/2026	9	STATUS REPORT by Alex Patricio Guaman Tucto. (Maxwell, Kelly) (Entered: 03/27/2026)

		03/27/2026)
03/27/2026	10	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Brown, Trevor) (Entered: 03/27/2026)
04/06/2026	11	(Text-Only) ORDER In view of the previous status reports 9 , 10 , the parties are directed to provide the Court with a joint status update by noon on April 9, 2026 , regarding whether Respondents have located and returned Petitioner Alex P.G.T.'s missing drivers license. Ordered by Judge John R. Tunheim on 4/6/2026. (CRD) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/09/2026	12	STATUS REPORT by Pamela Bondi, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Brown, Trevor) (Entered: 04/09/2026)
04/09/2026	13	ORDER. Within 24 hours of this Order, Respondents' counsel is directed to provide Petitioner's counsel any additional forms and instructions regarding the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) process not previously provided to Petitioner's counsel. For any item of personal property or for other type of loss for which Petitioner wishes to seek monetary compensation, Petitioner shall, within five days of this Order: Submit, as directed by Respondents, a claim under the FTCA, and Provide the Court a copy of the claim as submitted by email to Tunheim_Chambers@mnd.uscourts.gov. Respondents shall facilitate and reimburse all FTCA claims submitted by Petitioner within 30 days . Should any property for which an FTCA claim has been submitted be later found, Respondents shall return that property to Petitioner, notwithstanding any prior tort claim resolution. For any FTCA claim not fully reimbursed within 30 days of this Order, the Court will issue a further order regarding whether contempt proceedings are necessary stemming from Respondents' violation of the Court's express instructions in its March 24 Order that Petitioner be released with his personal property, including his driver's license. Signed by Judge John R. Tunheim on 4/9/2026. (CRD) (Entered: 04/09/2026)
04/15/2026	14	(Text-Only) ORDER The parties have indicated that the Petitioner has been released. Either party is directed to file an update no later than 5:00 PM on April 17, 2026 , indicating if there is any reason why the Court should not close this matter. If no update is received by the deadline, the Court will close this matter. Ordered by Judge John R. Tunheim on 4/15/2026. (crd) (Entered: 04/15/2026)
04/20/2026	15	(Text-Only) ORDER The Court's Order 8 on the Petitioner's Writ of Habeas Corpus 1 has been satisfied. This matter is now closed. LET JUDGMENT BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY. Ordered by Judge John R. Tunheim on 4/20/2026. (crd) (Entered: 04/20/2026)
04/21/2026	16	JUDGMENT (Attachments: # 1 Civil Notice - appeal)(CLK) (Entered: 04/21/2026)
05/26/2026	17	NOTICE OF APPEAL TO 8TH CIRCUIT by Todd Blanche, David Easterwood, Todd M. Lyons, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Brown, Trevor) (Entered: 05/26/2026)
05/27/2026	18	TRANSMITTAL OF APPEAL LETTER TO U. S. COURT OF APPEALS, 8TH CIRCUIT, Re: Notice of Appeal to 8th Circuit 17 . (CLK) (Entered: 05/27/2026)
06/02/2026	19	USCA Case Number 26-2097 for 17 Notice of Appeal to 8th Circuit filed by U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Todd M. Lyons, David Easterwood, Todd Blanche. (MMP) (Entered: 06/03/2026)

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