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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA (Eastern Division - Riverside)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 5:26-cv-01668-SK**

Magdalena Zepeda Gomez v. Warden, Adelanto Detention  
Facility et al  
Assigned to: Magistrate Judge Steve Kim  
Cause: 28:2241 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (federal)

Date Filed: 04/06/2026  
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>
04/06/2026	<a href="#">1</a>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in Federal Custody (28 USC 2241), Receipt No. ACACDC-41923984 for \$5 filing fee, filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Attorney Mitchell Hsih-Fui Shen added to party Magdalena Zepeda Gomez(pty:pla))(Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/06/2026	<a href="#">2</a>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/06/2026	<a href="#">3</a>	NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT to a U.S. Magistrate Judge. This case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Steve Kim. (et) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/06/2026	<a href="#">4</a>	Notice of General Order 26-05 and Briefing Schedule. (et) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/06/2026	<a href="#">5</a>	REQUEST for Temporary Restraining Order filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/06/2026)
04/07/2026	<a href="#">6</a>	NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Enforce Court Order filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/07/2026)
04/07/2026	7	(IN CHAMBERS) ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE TO PETITIONER'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ECF <a href="#">6</a> ) SCHEDULING NOTICE by Magistrate Judge Steve Kim. Respondents are ordered to file its response by no later than 5:00 PM (PT) on April 8, 2026. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (clee) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 04/07/2026)

04/08/2026	<a href="#">8</a>	This action has been fully consented to according to General Order 26-05. The case will proceed before a magistrate judge. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (clee) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 04/08/2026)
04/08/2026	<a href="#">9</a>	Notice of Appearance or Withdrawal of Counsel: for attorney Whitney Wakefield counsel for Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. Adding Whitney Wakefield as counsel of record for Respondents for the reason indicated in the G-123 Notice. Filed by Respondents Warden, Adelanto Detention Facility et al. (Attorney Whitney Wakefield added to party Todd Blanche(pty:res), Attorney Whitney Wakefield added to party Warden Adelanto Detention Facility(pty:res), Attorney Whitney Wakefield added to party Todd Lyons(pty:res), Attorney Whitney Wakefield added to party Markwayne Mullin(pty:res), Attorney Whitney Wakefield added to party Ernesto Santacruz(pty:res))(Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/08/2026)
04/08/2026	<a href="#">10</a>	OPPOSITION re: NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Enforce Court Order <a href="#">6</a> filed by Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Declaration, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit)(Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/08/2026)
04/10/2026	<a href="#">11</a>	MINUTE (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER DENYING MOTION TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER WITHOUT PREJUDICE by Magistrate Judge Steve Kim: denying <a href="#">6</a> MOTION to Enforce Court Order. Respondents informed the court that Petitioner will be returned to Adelanto on April 13, 2026. (ECF 10 at 2). Petitioner's motion to enforce General Order 26-05 is thus DENIED as moot. The parties must file a joint status report within 48 hours of petitioner's return to this district or by no later than April 17, 2026, whichever occurs sooner. (SEE DOCUMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS). (hr) (Entered: 04/13/2026)
04/13/2026	<a href="#">12</a>	ANSWER to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, <a href="#">1</a> filed by Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit)(Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/13/2026)
04/13/2026	<a href="#">13</a>	ORDER DENYING APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER WITHOUT PREJUDICE (ECF <a href="#">5</a> ) by Magistrate Judge Steve Kim. Therefore, Petitioners request for immediate release from custody through the application for temporary restraining order is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. (SEE ORDER FOR DETAILS). (clee) (Entered: 04/14/2026)
04/15/2026	<a href="#">14</a>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Report re: Return to Adelanto</i> filed by Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. (Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/15/2026)
04/16/2026	<a href="#">15</a>	REPLY <i>Petitioner's Reply Brief</i> filed by Petitioner Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/16/2026)
04/17/2026	<a href="#">16</a>	Second NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Enforce Court Order filed by Petitioner Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/17/2026)
04/20/2026	<a href="#">17</a>	PETITION for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in Federal Custody (28 USC 2241), with filing fee previously paid (\$5 paid on 04/06/2026, receipt number ACACDC-41923984), filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez.(Shen, Mitchell)

		(Entered: 04/20/2026)
04/20/2026	<a href="#">18</a>	(IN CHAMBERS) ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE by Magistrate Judge Steve Kim re: SECOND EMERGENCY MOTION TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER (ECF <a href="#">16</a> ). Respondents are required to file a response to Petitioner's emergency motion by no later than 12:00 PM (PT) on April 21, 2026. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (clee) TEXT ONLY ENTRY (Entered: 04/20/2026)
04/21/2026	<a href="#">19</a>	Notice Notice of Errata Regarding Habeas Petition filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/21/2026)
04/21/2026	<a href="#">20</a>	OPPOSITION re: Second NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Enforce Court Order <a href="#">16</a> filed by Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. (Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/21/2026)
04/21/2026	<a href="#">21</a>	First PETITION to AMEND Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, <a href="#">1</a> filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 04/21/2026)
04/21/2026	<a href="#">22</a>	MINUTES (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER (1) GRANTING MOTION TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER [ECF <a href="#">16</a> ]; (2) REQUIRING RESPONDENTS TO SHOW CAUSE RE: CONTEMPT by Magistrate Judge Steve Kim. Given Respondents disregard for the Courts order enjoining removal, the Court GRANTS Petitioners Second Motion to Enforce Court Order. (ECF 16). Moreover, counsel for Respondents is ORDERED to appear in person on April 22, 2026 at 1:30 P.M. in Courtroom 540 to show cause why the Government should not be held in contempt for violating the Courts April 10 order enjoining removal pending habeas proceedings here. (ECF 11). Counsel for Petitioner is also ordered to appear. (SEE ORDER FOR DETAILS). (clee) (Entered: 04/21/2026)
04/22/2026	<a href="#">23</a>	MINUTES OF ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE held before Magistrate Judge Steve Kim. Hearing held. Counsel state their appearances for the record. The Court confers with counsel as stated on the record. The First Amended Petition (ECF <a href="#">21</a> ) is deemed filed as of April 22, 2026. The government's answer is due within 7 days. Petitioner's reply is due 3 days after the answer is filed. The order to show cause is discharged. Attorneys for Petitioner: Mitchell Hsih-Fui Shen. Attorneys for Respondents: Whitney Wakefield, AUSA, Daniel Beck, AUSA. Courtroom Deputy Clerk: Connie Chung. Time in Court: 30 minutes. Court Recorder: CS 04/22/26. TEXT ONLY ENTRY. THERE IS NO PDF DOCUMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ENTRY. (clee) (Entered: 04/27/2026)
04/29/2026	<a href="#">24</a>	ANSWER to Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus <a href="#">17</a> , Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, <a href="#">1</a> filed by Respondents Todd Blanche, Warden Adelanto Detention Facility, Todd Lyons, Markwayne Mullin, Ernesto Santacruz. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit) (Wakefield, Whitney) (Entered: 04/29/2026)
05/04/2026	<a href="#">25</a>	REPLY <i>Petitioner's Reply Brief</i> filed by Petitioner Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 05/04/2026)
05/29/2026	<a href="#">26</a>	Third NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION to Enforce Motion to Enforce Court Order filed by Plaintiff Magdalena Zepeda Gomez. (Shen, Mitchell) (Entered: 05/29/2026)

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