

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

██████████ LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

LUIS SOTO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Civil Action No. 26-7764 (ZNQ)

ORDER

This matter having come before the Court on Petitioner's habeas petition (ECF No. 1), the Court having considered the petition, the record of proceedings in this matter, and the Response of the Government (ECF No. 7), and for the reasons expressed in the accompanying memorandum opinion,

IT IS on this 9th day of July 2026,

ORDERED that Petitioner's habeas petition (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**; it is further

ORDERED that Petitioner shall be immediately released (by 9:00 p.m. EDT on July 9, 2026) under the same conditions, if any, that existed prior to his current detention, including but not limited to, release: (1) within the State of New Jersey; (2) without the imposition of additional conditions (such as ankle monitors or electronic tracking devices); and (3) with all clothing and outerwear worn at the time of detention, or other appropriate attire; it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall immediately return to Petitioner (by 9:00 p.m. EDT on July 9, 2026) all personal property belonging to petitioner – including but not limited to, any driver's license, passport, immigration documents, currency, or cellphone – that was seized at the time of detention and that is currently in their custody, possession, or control, whether maintained

directly by Respondents or by any contracted or affiliated facility, and that such property shall be returned in the same condition as it existed immediately prior to Petitioner's detention; it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall file declarations signed under the penalty of perjury by individuals with personal knowledge from both the United States Attorney's Office and the Department of Homeland Security on the docket by 9:00 p.m. EDT on July 9, 2026, confirming the date and time of Petitioner's release and that all of the conditions set forth above have been satisfied; it is further

ORDERED that Respondents are permanently enjoined from detaining Petitioner under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) which has been found inapplicable to him; it is further

ORDERED that Respondents shall not arrest, detain, or otherwise take Petitioner into custody under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) for a period of 14 days following his release, so as to ensure full effectuation of this Court's judgment and to prevent circumvention of the relief granted; it is further

ORDERED that any future detention shall comply with all statutory, regulatory, and constitutional requirements, including the identification of a lawful statutory basis for detention and the provision of adequate procedural and substantive due process protections; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order and the accompanying memorandum opinion upon the parties electronically, and shall **CLOSE** the file.

s/ Zahid N. Quraishi
ZAHID N. QURAISHI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE