

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA, MONROE DIVISION**

**Tayem Tieh Isabel v. Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., Warden Richwood
Correctional Center, Magistrate Judge Perez-Montes**

Isabel · No. 3:26-CV-00569 · Decided April 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana issues a memorandum order concerning Tayem Tieh Isabel's petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging her immigration detention. The court directs service of the petition and order on the specified government respondents and requires a response with summary-judgment evidence within 21 days of service, followed by a 14-day period for petitioner's contradictory evidence.

OPINION

a UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA MONROE DIVISION TAYEM TIEH ISABEL #A221-389- CIVIL DOCKET NO. 3:26-CV-00569 645, SEC P Petitioner VERSUS JUDGE S. MAURICE HICKS, JR. WARDEN RICHWOOD MAGISTRATE JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES CORRECTIONAL CENTER, Respondents MEMORANDUM ORDER Before the Court is a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (ECF No. 1) filed by pro se Petitioner Tayem Tieh Isabel ("Isabel"), an immigration detainee at Richwood Correctional Center in Monroe, Louisiana.

Isabel seeks release from detention.¹ A court may order a respondent to file an answer, motion, or other response, in its discretion. 28 U.S.C. § 2243; Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases,; 552 U.S. 264, 278 (2008);, 6:18-CV-00544, 2018 WL 4869383, at *1 (W.D. La. 2018) (Hanna, 1 Isabel has been detained since January 1, 2025. ECF No. 1 at 4. She was ordered removed on October 8, 2025, and she appealed.

Although her appeal was filed on October 29, 2025, no briefing schedule has been set. <https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/caseInformation> M.J.)². And this Court has determined that a 21 day briefing schedule with seven days to reply is reasonable and appropriate in similar cases.

Accordingly, to determine whether Isabel is entitled to relief, THE CLERK IS DIRECTED to serve a summons, a copy of the Petition (ECF No. 1), and a copy of this Order, by certified mail, on: (1) the United States through the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana; (2) the United States Attorney General; (3) DHS/ICE through its Office of General Counsel; and (4) the Warden where Isabel is detained.

IT IS ORDERED that a Response be filed within 21 days following the date of service, with summary judgment evidence regarding the lawfulness of her detention. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall have 14 days following the filing of Respondents' answer to produce contradictory summary judgment evidence on the issue of the lawfulness of her detention.

After the record is complete and delays have run, the Court will determine if genuine issues of material fact exist, which preclude summary judgment and necessitate an evidentiary hearing. If no hearing is necessary, a Report and Recommendation will be issued without further notice. 2 Under Rule 1(b), the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases also apply to § 2241 habeas cases., 2008 WL 835764, *2 (E.D.

Cal. 2008);, 162 F. Supp. 2d 575, 577 (N.D. Tex. 2001);, 952 F. Supp. 348 (S.D.W. Va. 1997);, 20-CV-449, 2020 WL 1848073, at *1 (E.D. La. Apr. 13, 2020) ("District courts are therefore free to apply these rules to habeas petitions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241"). SIGNED on Thursday, April 2, 2026. _____

JOSEPH H.L. PEREZ-MONTES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE