

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
TEXAS, CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

Francisco Dorta Herrera v. Kristi Noem

Herrera · No. 2:26-CV-00025 · Decided January 20, 2026

OPINION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT January 20, 2026 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION FRANCISCO DORTA HERRERA, § §
Petitioner, § § VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:26-CV-00025 § KRISTI NOEM, § § Respondent. §
OPINION AND ORDER OF TRANSFER This is a habeas action filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
2241. (D.E. 1).

In the Petition, Petitioner asserts Francisco Dorta Herrera¹ is being held at the South Texas
Detention Facility. However, a review of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement locator
website indicates Petitioner is located at the La Salle County Regional Detention Center in
Encinal, Texas. See <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/results> (last visited Jan. 20, 2026).

The La Salle County Regional Detention Center is located in La Salle County, Texas which is
within the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. 28 U.S.C. § 124(b)(3). It is well
established that a petition for writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 must be
filed in the district where the prisoner or detainee is incarcerated. *Hooker v. Sivley*, 187 F.3d 680,
682 (5th Cir.

1999) (citation omitted); see also *Pack v. 1Teresa Rodriguez* filed this case “As Next Friend” of
Francisco Dorta Herrera, asserting Herrera is a Cuban national currently in ICE custody at the
South Texas Detention Facility. (D.E. 1, Pages 1-2). 1 / 2 *Yusuff*, 218 F.3d 448, 451 (Sth Cir.
2000) (citations omitted).

Accordingly, this case is more appropriately transferred to the Southern District of Texas, Laredo
Division. Rather than dismissal, the Court finds this case should be transferred. Therefore, the
Clerk of Court is ORDERED to TRANSFER this case to the United States District Court for the
Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division. All pending Motions are DENIED as moot and the
Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to CLOSE this case.

ORDERED on January 20, 2026. C Jason & Libby Z United States Magistrate Judge 2/2