

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Henrikh Vardanyan v. Warden, Adelanto ICE Processing Center, et
al.

Vardanyan · No. 5:25-cv-03272-SVW (SK) · Decided January 14, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court orders petitioner Henrikh Vardanyan to show cause why his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition should not be dismissed as moot. Respondents reported that Vardanyan received an individualized Rodriguez bond hearing after filing the petition, but the Immigration Judge denied bond. The court directs petitioner to respond within 14 days and warns that failure to respond may result in dismissal for mootness, lack of prosecution, or noncompliance with court orders.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Steve Kim
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	January 14, 2026
DOCKET	5:25-cv-03272-SVW (SK)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition challenging prolonged immigration detention without a bond hearing. After respondents reported that petitioner had received an individualized bond hearing, the court ordered petitioner to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Mootness is considered sua sponte, and the court must determine whether a present controversy remains for which effective relief can be granted.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Henrikh Vardanyan v. Warden, Adelanto ICE Processing Center, et al.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether petitioner's receipt of an individualized bond hearing potentially deprived the court of the ability to grant effective relief, rendering the habeas petition moot.
2. Whether petitioner should be required to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.

HOLDINGS

1. Because petitioner received an individualized bond hearing after filing the petition, the court ordered petitioner to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The “basic question in determining mootness is whether there is a present controversy as to which effective relief can be granted.””

“A case becomes moot when interim relief or events have deprived the court of the ability to redress the party’s injuries.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner was detained in immigration custody and challenged his prolonged detention without a bond hearing under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Four days after filing the petition, he received an individualized Rodriguez bond hearing. The Immigration Judge denied bond after finding petitioner a flight risk and danger to the community.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Vardanyan filed the petition on December 4, 2025. The court ordered respondents to show cause why petitioner should not receive an individualized bond hearing. Respondents reported that petitioner received a Rodriguez bond hearing on December 8, 2025, at which the Immigration Judge denied bond. The court then issued this order directing petitioner to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot; no dismissal had yet been entered.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Rodriguez v. Robbins, 804 F.3d 1060, 1087 (9th Cir. 2015)
- Jennings v. Rodriguez, 538 U.S. 281 (2018)

- *Nw. Env't Def. Ctr. v. Gordon*, 849 F.2d 1241, 1244 (9th Cir. 1988)
- *United States v. Alder Creek Water Co.*, 823 F.2d 343, 345 (9th Cir. 1987)
- *In re Burrell*, 415 F.3d 994, 997 (9th Cir. 2005)

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