

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Maestre-Jimenez v. Baltazar

Maestre-Jimenez · No. 1:26-cv-01782-CNS · Decided May 14, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Colorado denied Yurieth Lucia Maestre-Jimenez’s motion for reconsideration of an order granting habeas relief and requiring an immigration bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). The court held that Petitioner had not shown an intervening change in law, newly available evidence, clear error, or manifest injustice warranting immediate release instead of a bond hearing.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Colorado
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Charlotte N. Sweeney
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Colorado
DECIDED	May 14, 2026
DOCKET	1:26-cv-01782-CNS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) for reconsideration of the Court's prior order granting habeas relief and requiring Respondents to provide a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), arguing that she should have been immediately released from immigration detention.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A motion to reconsider an interlocutory order under Rule 54(b) is committed to the court's sound discretion and is generally appropriate only upon an intervening change in controlling law, newly available evidence, or the need to correct clear error or prevent manifest injustice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Yurieth Lucia Maestre-Jimenez v. Juan Baltazar, Warden, Aurora ICE Processing Center, George Valdez, Acting Field Office Director, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Todd M. Lyons, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security,

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Petitioner established grounds under Rule 54(b) for reconsideration of the prior interlocutory order.
2. Whether the Court clearly erred or caused manifest injustice by ordering a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) rather than ordering Petitioner's immediate release from immigration detention.

HOLDINGS

1. Reconsideration was not warranted because Petitioner did not demonstrate an intervening change in controlling law, newly available evidence, clear error, or manifest injustice.
2. The prior order requiring a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), rather than immediate release, was not clear error and did not result in manifest injustice.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the Tenth Circuit has advised that reconsideration is generally appropriate where there is “(1) an intervening change in the controlling law, (2) new evidence previously unavailable, [or] (3) the need to correct clear error or prevent manifest injustice,”” (Analysis)

“an immigration judge is better suited [than the Court] to consider whether Petitioner poses a flight risk and a danger to the community in this instance.” (Analysis)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner was detained by ICE in February 2026 after previously being released on her own recognizance and enrolled in ICE's Intensive Supervision Appearance Program in 2023. Her habeas petition stated that she had accumulated 39 alleged ISAP violations, which were referenced in the Form I-213 administrative warrant supporting her re-detention. Because the record before the Court did not establish whether the violations were legitimate indicators of flight risk or danger, the Court ordered a bond hearing rather than immediate release. At a later bond hearing, the immigration judge found that Petitioner was neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community and released her on bond, based on additional information not previously before the Court.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Court previously granted Petitioner's habeas petition in part by ordering a bond hearing rather than immediate release. Petitioner moved for reconsideration, Respondents opposed, and Petitioner replied. The Court denied reconsideration, concluding that Petitioner had not shown an intervening change in controlling law, newly available evidence, clear error, or manifest injustice.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Paramount Pictures Corp. v. Thompson Theatres, Inc., 621 F.2d 1088, 1090 (10th Cir.)
- Trujillo v. Bd. of Educ. of Albuquerque Public Schools, 212 Fed.Appx. 760, 765 (10th Cir.)
- Servants of the Paraclete v. Does, 204 F.3d 1005, 1012 (10th Cir.)
- Nava Hernandez v. Baltazar, No. 25-cv-03094-CNS, 2025 WL 2996643 (D. Colo. Oct. 24, 2025)
- Singh v. Baltazar, 2026 WL 352870 (D. Colo. Feb. 9, 2026)
- Loa Caballero v. Baltazar, No. 25-cv-03120-NYW, 2025 WL 2977650, at *9 (D. Colo. Oct. 22, 2025)

OPINION

Maestre-Jimenez

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Judge Charlotte N. Sweeney Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-01782-CNS

YURIETH LUCIA MAESTRE-JIMENEZ,

Petitioner, v. JUAN BALTAZAR, Warden, Aurora ICE Processing Center; GEORGE VALDEZ, Acting Field Office Director, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; TODD M. LYONS, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; MARKWAYNE MULLIN, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and TODD BLANCHE, Acting Attorney General of the United States, in their official capacities, Defendants.

ORDER

Before the Court is Petitioner Yurieth Lucia Maestre-Jimenez's Motion for Reconsideration (ECF No. 11). See ECF No. 12. In the motion, Petitioner asks the Court to reconsider its prior order granting Petitioner's petition for habeas corpus, ECF No. 1, and ordering that Respondents provide Petitioner—who is currently detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) attendant—with a bond hearing pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). ECF No 12 at 2–3. Instead, Petitioner argues that the Court should have granted her immediate release from immigration detention because ICE had previously released Petitioner on her own recognizance following Petitioner's arrival to the United States in 2023. *Id.* Respondents filed a response brief opposing Petitioner's

motion, ECF No. 14, and Petitioner subsequently filed a reply, ECF No. 16. Having considered the arguments raised in the parties' briefing, the Court DENIES the motion, ECF No. 12, for the reasons discussed below.

I. ANALYSIS

While the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not specifically provide for motions for reconsideration, Rule 54(b) states that "any order or other decision, however designated, that adjudicates fewer than all the claims . . . may be revised at any time before the entry of judgment adjudicating all claims and all the parties' rights and liabilities." Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b); see also *Paramount Pictures Corp. v. Thompson Theatres, Inc.*, 621 F.2d 1088, 1090 (10th Cir. 1980) (a motion for reconsideration falls within a court's power to revisit and amend interlocutory orders when raised before final judgment is entered) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(b)). The decision to grant or deny a motion to reconsider is committed to the court's sound discretion, see *Trujillo v. Bd. of Educ. of Albuquerque Public Schools*, 212 Fed.Appx. 760, 765 (10th Cir. 2007) (unpublished) (citation omitted); however, the Tenth Circuit has advised that reconsideration is generally appropriate where there is "(1) an intervening change in the controlling law, (2) new evidence previously unavailable, [or] (3) the need to correct clear error or prevent manifest injustice," *Servants of the Paraclete v. Does*, 204 F.3d 1005, 1012 (10th Cir. 2000) (citation omitted). Here, Petitioner has not met her burden of demonstrating any of the three circumstances to justify reconsideration. As an initial matter, Petitioner takes issue with the Court's reliance on the rationale it previously articulated in *Nava Hernandez v. Baltazar*, No. 25-cv-03094-CNS, 2025 WL 2996643 (D. Colo. Oct. 24, 2025) and attempts to distinguish her situation from the facts of that case. Specifically, Petitioner states that unlike this case, "*Nava Hernandez* involved a noncitizen who had been continuously detained since her border encounter." ECF No. 12 at 1. But Petitioner's characterization is incorrect. As the Court stated in *Nava Hernandez*, the petitioner there had "resided [in the United States] for decades." *Hernandez*, 2025 WL 2996643, at *6 (D. Colo. Oct. 24, 2025). Thus, Petitioner's situation here is more like the *Nava Hernandez* petitioner's situation than it may have appeared to Petitioner at first glance, and the Court's analysis in that order remains applicable here. Nevertheless, Petitioner urges the Court to reconsider its decision and order her immediate release from immigration detention (rather than a bond hearing) because her situation is more like the one described in *Singh v. Baltazar*, where the Court ordered that petitioner's immediate release. See ECF No. 12 at 4 (citing *Singh v. Baltazar*, -- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2026 WL 352870, (D. Colo. Feb. 9, 2026)). But in *Singh*, the petitioner represented (and respondents did not dispute) that "[i]n the years following his release, Petitioner . . . 'followed all the requirements of his release, including appearing at immigration hearings.'" *Singh*, 2026 WL 352870, at *2 (citation omitted and emphasis added). By contrast, Petitioner here stated in her habeas petition that after she was released by ICE on own recognizance and enrolled in ICE's Intensive Supervision Appearance Program (ISAP) in 2023, she subsequently "accumulated 39 violations' while on ISAP." ECF No. 1 at 2.1 Petitioner also admits that these

violations were referenced in the Form I-213 administrative warrant that ICE provided her in connection with her re-detainment in February 2026. Id. at 9 (citing ECF No. 1-1 at 9).² This admission, without more, appeared contrary to Petitioner's representation that "ICE arbitrarily and unlawfully re-detained her without demonstrating materially changed circumstances." Id. at 4–5. Considering all the information in the petition, the Court determined there was an "insufficient record before [the] Court" as to whether Petitioner's ISAP violations were legitimate indications of flight risk, and as a result, the Court declined to order Petitioner's immediate release. See *Loa Caballero v. Baltazar*, No. 25-cv-03120-NYW, 2025 WL 2977650, at *9 (D. Colo. Oct. 22, 2025). The arguments contained in Petitioner's motion have not convinced the Court that ordering a section 1226(a) bond hearing, rather than immediate release, was a clear error or led to manifest injustice. Indeed, as other courts in this district have found in similar circumstances, ultimately, "an immigration judge is better suited [than the Court] to consider whether Petitioner poses a flight risk and a danger to the community in this 1 This admission is not only significant; it is also potentially at odds with other statements in the petition. Indeed, even though Petitioner stated that "ICE did not allege [that Petitioner has any history of] criminal conduct, attempts to abscond, missed immigration court appearances, unreported address changes, or failures to appear," ECF No. 1 at 16, it is clear that her purported ISAP violations were considered by ICE in connection with her re-detainment. Additionally, although Petitioner argued that the 39 ISAP violations were "likely generated" by technological issues with the ISAP software, she did not swear, or even definitively confirm, that she had not violated the conditions of her supervised release—only that the errors were "likely" related to technology. Id. at 2. 2 The Form I-213, which Petitioner attached to her petition, states that on December 1, 2023, "[Petitioner] was enrolled in the [Alternatives to Detention (ATD)] program and was released by ICE. [Petitioner] has accumulated 39 violations while being on the ATD program and is currently not in compliance with the ATD program." ECF No. 1-1 at 9. instance." /d.3 Accordingly, the Court's order that Respondents provide Petitioner with a bond hearing pursuant to section 1226, ECF No. 11, was not clear error.

II. CONCLUSION

Consistent with the foregoing, Petitioner's Motion to Reconsider Order (ECF No. 11), ECF No. 12, is DENIED. DATED this 14th day of May 2026. BY THE I Yo /f □□

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CKérlotte fi Swseney United States Pistrict Judge 3 The Court acknowledges that at Petitioner's May 11, 2026 bond hearing, the immigration judge determined that Petitioner was neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community and granted her release on bond. See ECF No. 14-1 at 1-2. In doing so, the immigration judge noted that With respect to flight risk, the Department relies primarily on prior alleged violations while Respondent was in Alternatives to Detention. However, the record reflects that the majority of these incidents involved missed calls that were returned under one hour, and the remaining instances involved brief departures from an approved zone for work-related purposes, with corroborating evidence regarding technical issues with the reporting

application and Respondent's demonstrated efforts to comply, including appearing in person at ICE when instructed without formal scheduling. Importantly, all compliance concerns were resolved upon implementation of more restrictive monitoring in November 2025, after which Respondent complied fully, including weekly in-person reporting beginning in January 2026. The Department conceded that no violations occurred after October 2025 and presented no evidence of tampering or noncompliance with the ankle monitor or tracking device. *Id.* Many of the above facts relied on by the immigration judge were not before the Court when it analyzed the petition. Absent this additional information regarding the validity of Petitioner's 39 ISAP violations, the Court deferred the release decision to the immigration judge who is better positioned to determine whether Petitioner is a flight risk or danger to the community.