

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON

**Jose Jair Mosquera Camacho v. Laura Hermosillo, Acting Field
Office Director of Enforcement and Removal Operations, Seattle
Field Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), et al.**

Mosquera Camacho v. Hermosillo · No. 2:25-cv-02457-TL-SKV · Decided December 5, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Washington provisionally granted Jose Jair Mosquera Camacho’s motion for a temporary restraining order. The order prohibits his removal from the United States or transfer from the Northwest ICE Processing Center during the proceedings, subject to limited exceptions for medical needs or release, and directs the parties to address briefing and stipulation issues.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF
WASHINGTON 9 AT SEATTLE 10 11 Jose Jair MOSQUERA CAMACHO, CASE NO. 2:25-cv-
02457-TL-SKV 12 Petitioner, ORDER ON MOTION FOR 13 v. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER 14 Laura HERMOSILLO, Acting Field Office Director of Enforcement and Removal 15
Operations, Seattle Field Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement 16 (ICE), et al., 17
Respondents.

18 19 This matter is before the Court on Petitioner Jose Jair Mosquera Camacho’s (J.M.C.) 20
motion for a temporary restraining order. Dkt. No. 7. On December 3, 2025, Petitioner filed a 21
petition for writ of habeas corpus seeking, among other things, release from custody. Dkt. No. 1.
22 Petitioner also moves for a temporary restraining order (“TRO”) preventing: (1) his removal 23
from this Court’s jurisdiction; or (2) his transfer from the Northwest ICE Processing Center 24 1
(“NWIPC”) in Tacoma, Washington, to any other facility while these proceedings are pending.

2 See Dkt. No. 7 at 2. 3 Petitioner’s motion for a TRO asserts that Petitioner has been detained at
NWIPC since 4 June 6, 2025. Id. Petitioner, a citizen of Colombia, first entered the United States
on or about 5 March 25, 2023, to seek asylum. Id. at 3. Upon entering the United States, Petitioner
was 6 apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol, issued a notice to appear, then released from
custody on 7 his own recognizance.

See id. After his release, Petitioner lived “amongst friends and relatives” 8 in Lynden,
Washington. Id. On or about August 8, 2024, the Department of Homeland Security 9 (“DHS”)

initiated removal proceedings. Id. On November 26, 2024, Petitioner applied for 10 asylum, and on November 27, 2024, an immigration judge scheduled an adjudication of 11 Petitioner's application for 2029.

See id. 12 On June 6, 2025, U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") officers apprehended 13 Petitioner in Blaine, Washington, and transported him to NWIPC. Id. at 4. On September 3, 14 2025, an immigration judge granted withholding of removal to Petitioner, "protecting him 15 against deportation to Colombia." Id. "All parties waived appeal" of the immigration judge's 16 decision, rendering the decision final.

Id. 17 Petitioner asserts that on or about November 18, 2025, Petitioner was informed that he 18 was to be deported to Mexico. See id. Removal to Mexico did not happen, however, because 19 "Mexico did not agree to take" Petitioner. Id. On or about December 2, 2025, "ICE officers told 20 [Petitioner] that they were now going to try to deport him to Honduras." Id. Petitioner represents 21 that he "has not [sic] ties to Honduras, he has never been to Honduras, and he fears harm in 22 Honduras." Id. Petitioner asserts that the notice about the impending removal to Honduras did 23 not include an expected date of removal, nor did it "contain sufficient additional information of 24 1 [Petitioner's] right to seek protection from removal to Honduras or how to seek that protection." 1 2 Id. Petitioner did not sign the notice "and later sought to inform the officer that he was afraid of 3 being removed to Honduras on account of his status as an Afro-Colombian man and a 4 community volunteer who undermined National Liberation Army (ELN) authority in Colombia." 5 Id. Petitioner asserts that ICE has not provided him with further information regarding his 6 removal to Honduras "or any other third country," and that Petitioner has not been scheduled for 7 a fear screening despite the government's awareness of Petitioner's fear of deportation.

See id. 8 In his habeas petition, Petitioner alleges that Respondents: (1) violated the Immigration 9 and Nationality Act ("INA") by seeking to remove Petitioner to a third country without 10 providing "the opportunity to access the protections required pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1231(b)(3) 11 and its implementing regulations" (Dkt. No. 1 ¶¶ 141–144); (2) violated the Foreign Affairs 12 Reform Restructuring Act of 1998 ("FARRA") by seeking to remove Petitioner to a third 13 country without providing "the opportunity to access the protections required pursuant to 14 FARRA and [the Convention Against Torture ('CAT')]" (id. ¶¶ 145–148); (3) violated the Fifth 15 Amendment by "re-detain[ing] [Petitioner] and strip[ping] him of his liberty without written 16 notice and a pre-deprivation hearing before a neutral decisionmaker to determine whether re- 17 detention is warranted based on danger or flight risk," and by "revok[ing] [Petitioner's] release 18 and depriv[ing] him of liberty without providing him written notice and a meaningful 19 opportunity to be heard by a neutral decisionmaker prior to his re-detention" (id. ¶¶ 149–152).

20 Because “Respondents are attempting to summarily deport [Petitioner] to a third country 21 without notice or an opportunity,” and because Petitioner “fears harm” in that country, Petitioner 22 seeks to enjoin his removal and transfer on an emergency basis. See Dkt. No. 7 at 5. Petitioner’s 23 1 Petitioner asserts that under Respondents’ policy, notice of removal “can... be provided mere hours before 24 placement on a plane.” Dkt.

No. 7 at 8. 1 counsel has provided written certification that complies with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 2 65(b)(1). See id. at 24. 3 The Court may grant a TRO to preserve the Court’s jurisdiction and to maintain the status 4 quo. See A.A.R.P. v. Trump, 605 U.S. 91, 97 (2025) (Federal courts have “the power to issue 5 injunctive relief to prevent irreparable harm to the applicants and to preserve [] jurisdiction over 6 the matter.”); United States v. United Mine Workers of Am., 330 U.S. 258, 293 (1947) (“[T]he 7 District Court ha[s] the power to preserve existing conditions while it... determine[s] its own 8 authority to grant injunctive relief,” unless the assertion of jurisdiction is frivolous.).

This is 9 particularly so when the order is necessary to prevent action that would otherwise destroy the 10 court’s jurisdiction or moot the case. See United States v. Shipp, 203 U.S. 563, 573 (1906). 11 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS as follows: 12 (1) Petitioner’s motion for temporary restraining order (Dkt. No. 7) is PROVISIONALLY 13 GRANTED, pending Respondents’ response to the motion.

This grant is solely for 14 the purpose of maintaining the status quo so that the Court may review the merits 15 of the motion after full briefing. 16 (2) Respondents ARE PROHIBITED from removing Petitioner from the United States or 17 transferring him from the Northwest ICE Processing Center to any other detention 18 facility during the pendency of these proceedings, without further order, unless 19 such transfer is necessary for medical evaluation, medical treatment, or release.

20 (3) Petitioner’s counsel SHALL immediately contact Respondents’ counsel to provide 21 a copy of this Order and to meet and confer on: (1) a briefing schedule for the 22 motion for TRO; and (2) whether Respondents will agree to a stipulated order to 23 not remove or transfer Petitioner during the pendency of this action. 24] (4) If the Parties can agree on a briefing schedule, they SHALL file a stipulated 2 proposed briefing schedule with the Court, along with any other stipulations the 3 Parties may agree on for the pendency of this case.

If the Parties cannot reach 4 agreement on a briefing schedule, then Respondents SHALL respond to the motion 5 for TRO pursuant to the schedule set by Local Civil Rule 65, once notice is 6 accomplished. 7 Dated this 5th day of December, 2025. 8 Tana Lin 10 United States District Judge 1] 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 ORDER ON MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER — 5

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