

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.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Tana Lin
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
DECIDED	December 5, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-02457-TL-SKV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus and moved for a temporary restraining order preventing his removal from the United States or transfer to another detention facility.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court applied the standard governing temporary restraining orders under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b), focusing on preserving the status quo, preventing irreparable harm, and preserving jurisdiction pending full briefing.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential interlocutory district-court order
PARTIES	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.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should issue a temporary restraining order preventing petitioner's removal from the United States or transfer to another detention facility while the habeas and related claims were being litigated.
2. Whether interim injunctive relief was appropriate to preserve the status quo and the court's jurisdiction pending full briefing.

HOLDINGS

1. A federal district court may issue temporary injunctive relief to prevent irreparable harm, preserve existing conditions, and prevent conduct that could destroy the court's jurisdiction or moot the case, unless the assertion of jurisdiction is frivolous.
2. Petitioner's motion for a temporary restraining order was provisionally granted pending respondents' response; respondents were prohibited from removing petitioner from the United States or transferring him from the Northwest ICE Processing Center to another detention facility during the proceedings, subject to exceptions for medical evaluation, medical treatment, or release.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“[T]he District Court ha[s] the power to preserve existing conditions while it . . . determine[s] its own authority to grant injunctive relief,” unless the assertion of jurisdiction is frivolous.” (at 2)

“This grant is solely for the purpose of maintaining the status quo so that the Court may review the merits of the motion after full briefing.” (at 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Jose Jair Mosquera Camacho, a Colombian citizen, entered the United States in March 2023 to seek asylum and was initially released after being issued a notice to appear. He was detained at the Northwest ICE Processing Center beginning June 6, 2025, and an immigration judge later granted him withholding of removal to Colombia; the decision became final after all parties waived appeal. Immigration officials subsequently indicated that they might remove him first to Mexico and then to Honduras, although he had no ties to Honduras and asserted fear of harm there, without providing a scheduled removal date or a fear-screening opportunity.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner filed the habeas petition on December 3, 2025, seeking, among other relief, release from immigration custody. He then moved for a temporary restraining order after being informed that immigration authorities

might remove him to a third country despite a final immigration-judge order granting withholding of removal to Colombia. The district court provisionally granted the TRO pending respondents' response and further briefing.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- A.A.R.P. v. Trump, 605 U.S. 91, 97 (2025)
- United States v. United Mine Workers of Am., 330 U.S. 258, 293 (1947)
- United States v. Shipp, 203 U.S. 563, 573 (1906)

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