

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MISSOURI, SOUTHERN DIVISION

Javokhir Islomov v. Jim Arnott, et al.

Case No. 6:26-cv-3115-MDH (W.D. Mo. Mar. 4, 2026) · No. 6:26-cv-3115-MDH · Decided March 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri grants Javokhir Islomov’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court holds that the petitioner’s parole was revoked and detention imposed without constitutionally adequate notice, a hearing, or individualized justification, and orders his immediate release. The court also enjoins respondents from relocating him outside the court’s jurisdiction before complying with the order and permits an application for attorneys’ fees under the EAJA.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Southern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Douglas Harpool
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Southern Division
DECIDED	March 4, 2026
DOCKET	6:26-cv-3115-MDH
DISPOSITION	writ_granted
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging immigration detention and the termination of parole without prior written notice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the habeas petition and statutory jurisdictional issues de novo in substance. For the requested temporary restraining order, it applied the Dataphase four-factor test.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order; nonprecedential
PARTIES	Javokhir Islomov v. Jim Arnott, Assistant Director of ICE Kansas City, Secretary of Homeland Security, Attorney General of the United States

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether 8 U.S.C. §§ 1252(e)(3), 1252(g), or 1252(b)(9) deprived the district court of jurisdiction over Islomov's § 2241 challenge to his detention.
2. Whether terminating Islomov's parole and detaining him without prior written notice, a sufficient change in circumstances, or individualized legal justification violated procedural due process.
3. Whether the court should issue temporary injunctive relief prohibiting respondents from relocating Islomov outside the district before complying with the order.
4. Whether Islomov could pursue attorney fees and costs under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

HOLDINGS

1. The court had jurisdiction under § 2241 because Islomov challenged the lawfulness of his detention, not a statute, regulation, written policy, removal order, or removal process subject to the cited jurisdiction-stripping provisions.
2. The government violated Islomov's procedural due process rights by revoking his parole and detaining him without prior written notice, a sufficient change in circumstances, or individualized legal justification for the detention.
3. A temporary restraining order was appropriate to prevent respondents from relocating Islomov outside the district before complying with the habeas order.
4. Islomov may pursue reasonable attorney fees and costs under the EAJA by submitting an application within thirty days of final judgment, subject to the statute's eligibility requirements.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Freedom from imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart of the liberty that the [Due Process] Clause protects.”

“The essence of due process is the requirement that ‘a person in jeopardy of a serious loss [be given] notice of the case against him and the opportunity to meet it.’”

“The opportunity to be heard must be meaningful, that is, an opportunity granted at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Islomov entered the United States without authorization nearly four years before the order, had a pending asylum application, and possessed work authorization valid through 2030. He had been paroled and lived with his spouse in Philadelphia while removal proceedings were pending. DHS apprehended him on February 20, 2026,

while he was driving a work truck in Indiana, terminated his parole without prior written notice, and detained him in the Greene County Jail in Springfield, Missouri. The court found no evidence of a material change in circumstances, flight risk, or individualized legal justification for the detention.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Islomov filed a verified § 2241 habeas petition after DHS apprehended and detained him while his asylum application and work authorization remained pending and valid. Respondents argued that statutory restrictions on judicial review deprived the district court of jurisdiction. The court rejected that argument, granted the habeas petition, ordered immediate release, and enjoined relocation outside the district before compliance with the order.

DISPOSITION

writ_granted

CASES CITED

- Munoz Materano v. Arteta, 2025 WL 2630826 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 12, 2025)
- Buenrostro-Mendez v. Bondi, Case No. 25-20496 (5th Cir. Feb. 6, 2026)
- Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 135986, 2025 WL 1953796, at *7 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025)
- Hernandez-Cuevas v. Olson, No. 4:25-cv-00830-BP, at 3 (W.D. Mo. Nov. 5, 2025)
- Cifuentes Rivera v. Arnott, et al., 25-cv-00570-RK1, Doc. 19 at 7 (W.D. Mo. Oct. 7, 2025)
- Sanchez v. LaRose, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 190593, at *6-9
- Miranda v. City of Casa Grande, 15 F.4th 1219, 1225 (9th Cir. 2021)
- Zadvydas v. Davis, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001)
- Hernandez v. Sessions, 872 F.3d 976, 981
- Alegria Palma v. LaRose, 25-cv-1942, ECF No. 14 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 11, 2025)
- Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319, 348 (1976)
- Joint Anti-Fascist Comm. v. McGrath, 341 U.S. 123, 171-72 (1951) (Frankfurter, J., concurring)
- Ying Fong v. Ashcroft, 317 F. Supp. 2d 398, 403 (S.D.N.Y. 2004)
- Mohammed H. v. Trump, No. 25-1576 (JWB/DTS), 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 117197, 2025 WL 1692739, at *5 (D. Minn. June 17, 2025)
- Matter of Sugay, 17 I. & N. Dec. 637, 640 (BIA 1981)
- Ortega v. Bonnar, 415 F. Supp. 3d 963, 968 (N.D. Cal. 2019)
- Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. C L Sys., Inc., 640 F.2d 109, 114 (8th Cir. 1981) (en banc)
- Calvin Klein Cosmetics Corp. v. Lenox Labs., Inc., 815 F.2d 500, 503 (8th Cir. 1987)
- Commissioner, I.N.S. v. Jean, 496 U.S. 154, 163 (1990)
- Boudin v. Thomas, 732 F.2d 1107, 1114 (2d Cir. 1984)

OPINION

Islomov

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JAVOKHIR ISLOMOV)

) Petitioner,)) v.) Case No. 6:26-cv-3115-MDH) JIM ARNOTT, et. al.,)) Respondents.)

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Petitioner has been detained by the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”) and parole has been terminated without prior written notice. Pending is his Verified Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in which he argues federal statutes and the Due Process Clause require that he be released or granted a hearing. The Court agrees with Petitioner’s Constitutional arguments, and on that basis, it concludes the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus should be GRANTED.

BACKGROUND

Petitioner entered the United States without authorization nearly 4 years ago. He has an asylum application pending and a valid work authorization until the year 2030. He lives with his spouse in Philadelphia, PA, where his removal proceedings are pending before the Immigration Court. Despite his pending asylum application and valid work authorization, Petitioner was apprehended by Respondents on February 20, 2026 when he was driving a truck for work in Indiana. He is currently being held in Greene County Jail in Springfield, Missouri. Petitioner brought this proceeding, seeking a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, against (1) the assistant director of ICE Kansas City, (2) the Secretary of DHS, (3) the Attorney General of the United States, and (4), the Greene County Sheriff all in their official capacities.¹ He asserts his detention violates the Immigration Nationality Act (INA), and the Due Process Clause. Respondents argue that Petitioner is not entitled to be considered for release, and the Court resolves the parties’ arguments below.

DISCUSSION

I. Jurisdiction Respondents argue that three statutory provisions—8 U.S.C. §§ 1252(e)(3), 1252(g) and (b)(9) deprive this Court of jurisdiction to consider Petitioner’s claims. The Court disagrees. Section 1252(e)(3), entitled “Challenges on validity of the system,” limits the scope of judicial review of “orders under Section 1225(b)(1)” and limits venue to the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Petitioner is “not challenging the lawfulness of any particular statute, regulation, or written policy or procedure.” Thus, § 1252(e)(3) does not strip this Court of jurisdiction. See *Munoz Materano v. Arteta*, 2025 WL 2630826 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 12, 2025), at *10. Further, this statute only bars jurisdiction based on those held under 8 U.S.C. § 1225. However, the Court adopts its ruling in similar cases² and finds that Petitioner is being held under 8 U.S.C. § 1226. Therefore, 8 U.S.C. § 1252(e)(3) does not deprive the Court of Jurisdiction. 1 Petitioner’s

Petition lists Jim Arnott as a party by virtue of his administration of the Greene County Jail in Springfield, Mo. The Court construes the proper party holding Petitioner in custody as the Department of Homeland Security through Immigration and Customs Enforcement. As DHS and ICE are utilizing the Greene County Jail to hold Petitioner and other detainees, the Court expects its ruling to apply to the Government and those aiding the Government regarding this specific case. 2 *Andres v. Noem*, et al., No. 25-03321-CV-S-MDH, *Eshdavlatov v. Olson*, et al. No. 25-00844-CV-S-MDH, *Hernandez-Cuevas v. Olson*, et al., No. 25-00830-CV-W-BP, *Ifante v. Noem*, et al., No. 25-03322-CV-S-MDH, *Morales-Rodriguez v. Arnott*, et al., No. 25-00836-CV-S-MDH, *Pozos-Ramirez v. Noem*, et al., No. 25-03316-CV-S-MDH. As of the date of this Order the Court is not aware of any appellate decisions from this Circuit. The Court is aware that the Fifth Circuit issued a 2-1 decision from a 3-judge panel agreeing with the Respondents' position and rejecting Petitioner's arguments and hundreds of district courts across the country. See *Buenrostro-Mendez v. Bondi*, Case No. 25-20496 (5th Circuit, 02/06/2026). The Fifth Circuit's decision does not bind this Court. Sections 1252(g) and (b)(9) apply narrowly to systemic challenges to regulations implementing expedited removal, review of an order of removal, the decision to seek removal, or the process by which removability will be determined, not to constitutional or statutory claims which precede and are collateral to that process, including, as relevant here, unlawful arrest or detention. See *Mata Velasquez v. Kurzdorfer*, No. 25-CV-493-LJV, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 135986, 2025 WL 1953796, at *7 (W.D.N.Y. July 16, 2025); see also *Hernandez-Cuevas v. Olson*, No. 4:25-cv-00830-BP, at 3 (W.D. Mo. Nov. 05, 2025) (citing 8 U.S.C. § 1252(b)(2)); *Cifuentes Rivera v. Arnott*, et al, 25-cv-00570-RK1, Doc.19 at 7 (W.D. Mo. Oct. 07, 2025) ("the narrow scope of § 1252(g) does not cover "claims [that] are collateral to the Government's decision to execute the final order of removal," for instance, claims seeking relief based upon the Government's alleged failure to comply with its own regulations regarding the required administrative processes after an alien is detained."). Petitioner is challenging his unlawful detention, not any removal decisions or actions, so the above provisions do not deprive the Court of jurisdiction. For those reasons, this Court concludes it has jurisdiction over Petitioner's habeas petition. II. The Due Process Clause "A procedural due process claim has two elements: (1) a deprivation of a constitutionally protected liberty or property interest, and (2) a denial of adequate procedural protections." *Sanchez v. LaRose*, 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 190593, *6-7 (citing *Miranda v. City of Casa Grande*, 15 F4th 1219, 1225 (9th Cir. 2021) (internal quotations and citation omitted)). "Freedom from imprisonment—from government custody, detention, or other forms of physical restraint—lies at the heart of the liberty that the [Due Process] Clause protects." *Sanchez v. LaRose* at *7 (citing *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. at 690). Although immigration detention is administrative, it is still subject to due process clause review. *Id.* (citing *Hernandez v. Sessions*, 872 F3d at 981 ("the government's discretion to incarcerate noncitizens is always constrained by the requirements of due process.")). When the government grants an alien parole into the country, it creates a liberty interest intimately tied to freedom from imprisonment. *Id.* (citing *Alegria Palma*

v. LaRose, 25-cv-1942, ECF No.14 (S.D. Cal. Aug. 11, 2025) (finding that "continued freedom after release on own recognizance" was a core liberty interest)). Here, Petitioner was awaiting a decision on his asylum application without being detained. He was granted a work authorization that remains valid. Petitioner was deprived of his liberty interest in this prior release when Respondents revoked that parole and placed him in detention. Respondents also denied petitioner due process in the revocation of his parole. "The essence of due process is the requirement that 'a person in jeopardy of a serious loss [be given] notice of the case against him and the opportunity to meet it.'" Sanchez at *8 (citing Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319, 348, 96 S. Ct. 893, 47 L. Ed. 2d 18 (1976) (quoting Joint Anti-Fascist Comm. v. McGrath, 341 U.S. 123, 171-72, 71 S. Ct. 624, 95 L. Ed. 817 (Frankfurter, J., concurring))). In the immigration context, "the Constitution requires the government to afford notice of any action against an alien [and] requires an opportunity for the alien to be heard. [] The opportunity to be heard must be meaningful, that is, an opportunity granted at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." Id. (citing Ying Fong v. Ashcroft, 317 F.Supp.2d 398, 403 (S.D.N.Y. 2004) (internal quotations and citations omitted)). An alien's opportunity to be heard regarding the revocation of his parole is only meaningful if the government comports with its own internal standards regarding parole revocation. DHS has the authority to revoke an alien's parole "at any time" on a discretionary, but not unlimited, basis. Id. at *8. (citing 8 U.S.C. § 1226(b); Mohammed H. v. Trump, No. 25-1576 (JWB/DTS), 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 117197, 2025 WL 1692739, at *5 (D. Minn. June 17, 2025) ("The Government has wide—but not unlimited—discretion in the immigration realm.")). The Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") has held that DHS may change the conditions of an alien's parole only when there is a sufficient change of circumstances to justify that change. Id. (citing Matter of Sugay, 17 I. & N. Dec. 637, 640 (BIA 1981) (as cited in Alegria Palma, No. 25-cv-1942-BJC-MMP, ECF No.14 at 3)). "In practice, the DHS re-arrests individuals only after a 'material' change in circumstances." Id. at *9. (citing Ortega v. Bonnar, 415 F.Supp.3d 963, 968 (N.D. Cal. 2019)). To satisfy due process, those changed circumstances must represent individualized legal justification for detention. Id. at *9 (citing Mohammed H., 2025 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 117197, 2025 WL 1692739 at

*5 (granting a writ of habeas corpus on due process grounds due to a lack of individualized legal justification for changing the petitioner's status)). Here, Respondents revoked Petitioner's parole without a showing of change in circumstances related to his case. Respondents do not dispute the facts as Petitioner presents them. They only argue this Court lacks jurisdiction. In their briefing, Respondents do not state a "sufficient change in circumstances" to justify revoking Petitioner's parole, or any individualized justification at all. Id. at *9 (citing Matter of Sugay, 17 I. & N. Dec. at 640). Petitioner's parole into the U.S. was based on his asylum claim, the underlying facts of which have not changed, and he was in possession of a still-valid work authorization. and awaiting further immigration proceedings. There was no evidence from his conduct that he was a flight risk. He was simply performing his duties as a truck driver in Indiana. Thus, Respondents did not

satisfy the requirement of due process in revoking Petitioner's parole. III. Temporary Restraining Order In the Petition, Petitioner requests this Court grant any further relief this Court deems just and proper. Under similar circumstances, this Court has granted temporary injunctive relief to habeas petitioners to enjoin Respondents from relocating petitioners outside the jurisdiction of this Court prior to compliance with this Order. The Courts finds that such relief is just and proper in this case. In analyzing a request for a TRO, the Court weighs: 1) probability movant will succeed on the merits; 2) threat of irreparable harm to the movant absent injunction; 3) balance between threatened harm to the movant and harm the injunction would inflict on other interested parties; and 4) the public interest. *Dataphase Sys., Inc. v. C L Syst., Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 114 (8th Cir.1981) (en banc). "No single factor is dispositive;" rather, the court must consider all factors to determine whether on balance they weigh towards granting the remedy. *Calvin Klein Cosmetics Corp. v. Lenox Labs., Inc.*, 815 F.2d 500, 503 (8th Cir. 1987). The Court finds that a TRO in this case is appropriate. As discussed above, the Court has already found that movant will succeed on his Petition for Habeas Corpus by virtue of his Due Process argument. Further, the threat of irreparable harm to the movant absent injunction is high as any move from this district prior to a bond hearing would render this Order and Petitioner right to a hearing as meaningless. As to the balance between the threatened harm to the movant and the harm the injunction would inflict on other interested parties, the balance tips in favor of Petitioner. Respondents and other interested parties would not suffer by allowing Petitioner to have a hearing. Lastly, there is a public interest in allowing those who are detained in violation of the Due Process Clause to be released and given hearing as expressed and determined by Congress. For these reasons, the Court finds a TRO is appropriate. IV. Attorneys' Fees Petitioner requests an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Pursuant to the EAJA, a court shall award to a prevailing party fees and other expenses incurred by that party in any civil action, brought by or against the United States, unless the court finds that the position of the United States was substantially justified or that special circumstances make an award unjust. 28 U.S.C § 2412(d)(1)(A). To be eligible for fees under the EAJA, a petitioner must submit an application within thirty days of final judgment, and the petitioner's net worth must be less than two million dollars at the time the civil action was filed. See *id.* §§ (d)(1)(B), (d)(2)(B)(i). The EAJA was enacted with the purpose of removing the financial disincentive for individuals challenging or defending against government action and encouraging challenges to improper government action as a means of helping formulate better public policy. See, e.g., *Comm'r, I.N.S. v. Jean*, 496 U.S. 154, 163 (1990) ("[T]he specific purpose of the EAJA is to eliminate for the average person the financial disincentive to challenge unreasonable governmental actions." (citation omitted)); *Boudin v. Thomas*, 732 F.2d 1107, 1114 (2d Cir. 1984) ("The EAJA was passed partly to encourage challenges to improper actions by government agencies. The drafters perceived legal actions as helping to formulate public policy." (citations omitted)). As explained throughout, the Court finds the position of the United States is not substantially justified. Petitioner is not subject to automatic termination of parole without written notice under 8

C.F.R. § 212.5(e)(1). Respondents do not dispute the facts of Petitioner's status, arrest, or detainment. Yet, Respondents revoked Petitioner's parole without prior written notice. Thus, Petitioner may pursue an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act.

CONCLUSION

The Court concludes Petitioner's right to procedural due process has been violated, and he is entitled to immediate release. Accordingly, the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus is GRANTED as follows.

1. Petitioner is not subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2), and is instead subject to detention, if at all, pursuant to the discretionary provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a)(1).
2. Respondents are ORDERED to immediately release Petitioner from custody.
3. Respondents shall make accommodations available for Petitioner until such time as arrangements can be made for Petitioner to be returned to the location of arrest or other location agreed by the parties.
4. Respondents shall also return any personal items, including identification to Petitioner.
5. Petitioner shall promptly report to the Court any failure to comply with this Order by Respondent.
6. Petitioner may submit an application for fees under the EAJA within thirty days of the entry of final judgment.
7. It is FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents are enjoined from relocating Petitioner outside the jurisdiction of this Court prior to compliance with this Order. IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March 4, 2026 /s/ Douglas Harpool

DOUGLAS HARPOOL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE