

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
OKLAHOMA

**Raj Kumar v. Joshua Johnson, Field Office Director of Enforcement
and Removal Operations, Dallas Field Office, Immigration and
Customs Enforcement, et al.**

Kumar · No. CIV-26-486-G · Decided March 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma directed respondents to answer or move against Raj Kumar’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition challenging his immigration detention. The order also required advance notice of any transfer or relocation, directed service of the petition and order on the United States Attorney, and instructed the Clerk not to issue summonses.

OPINION

Kumar

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

RAJ KUMAR,)

) Petitioner,)) v.) Case No. CIV-26-486-G)

JOSHUA JOHNSON,)

Field Office Director of Enforcement and) Removal Operations, Dallas Field Office,)
Immigration and Customs Enforcement,) et al.,)) Respondents.)

ORDER

Petitioner Raj Kumar, appearing through counsel, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (“Petition,” Doc. No. 1) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, challenging his detention by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. At the time the Petition was filed, Petitioner was in custody at the Cimarron Correctional Facility in Cushing, Oklahoma. Id. at 9. The undersigned has examined the Petition and ORDERS as follows:

1. Within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order, Respondents shall file an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts.¹ Alternatively, Respondents may file a pre- answer motion. a. If Respondents file an answer, Petitioner may file a reply within seven (7) days after the date the answer was filed. See R. 5(e), R. Governing § 2254 Cases in U.S. Dist. Cts. 1 The Court may apply the Rules governing 28 U.S.C. § 2254 cases

to habeas petitions arising under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. See R. 1(b), R. Governing § 2254 Cases in U.S. Dist. Cts.; *Boutwell v. Keating*, 399 F.3d 1203, 1210 n.2 (10th Cir. 2005). b. If Respondents file a motion, Petitioner may file a response within ten

(10) days after the date the motion was filed. See LCvR 7.1(g).

2. The Petition alleges that Petitioner is confined within the territorial jurisdiction of the Western District of Oklahoma. So that counsel may have knowledge of Petitioner's whereabouts and maintain the ability to communicate with him: a. Respondents shall file written notice at least seventy-two hours before any instance of removing, transferring, relocating, or otherwise moving Petitioner, regardless of whether the new location is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Western District of Oklahoma. b. If Respondents contest that Petitioner is presently being held within the territorial jurisdiction of the Western District of Oklahoma, they shall file a written notice stating the name and location of the facility in which Petitioner is confined. Such notice shall be provided promptly after Respondents become aware of Petitioner's location.

3. In accordance with the agreement between the Clerk of Court and the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, the Clerk of Court is directed to send copies of the Petition and this Order via email to the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for acceptance on behalf of Respondents.

4. The Clerk of Court is further directed not to issue summonses. See R. 4, R. Governing § 2254 Cases in U.S. Dist. Cts. IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2026.

CHARLES B. GOODWIN

United States District Judge