

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

John Doe v. Christopher Chestnut, et al.

Doe v. Chestnut · No. 1:24-cv-00943-EPG-HC · Decided November 25, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California denied as moot John Doe’s request to remain detained in the Eastern District pending resolution of his habeas petition. The court had already granted habeas relief and ordered Doe released on conditions, while noting that Doe had filed a petition for review and a motion for a temporary stay of removal in the Ninth Circuit.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	November 25, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-00943-EPG-HC
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner, a federal immigration detainee proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, requested an order requiring that he remain detained in the Eastern District pending resolution of his habeas petition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; district court order with no reporter citation.
PARTIES	John Doe v. Christopher Chestnut, et al.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should order that Petitioner remain detained in the Eastern District pending resolution of his habeas petition after the court had already ordered his release.

HOLDINGS

1. The request was denied as moot because the Court had already ordered Petitioner's release on conditions.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"when the Government moves a habeas petitioner after she properly files a petition naming her immediate custodian, the District Court retains jurisdiction and may direct the writ to any respondent within its jurisdiction who has legal authority to effectuate the prisoner's release" (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

John Doe was a federal immigration detainee represented by counsel in a § 2241 habeas proceeding. After the Board of Immigration Appeals dismissed his appeal, Doe learned that he might be transferred and counsel filed a petition for review and a motion for a temporary stay of removal in the Ninth Circuit. The district court had already granted habeas relief and ordered Doe released on conditions before deciding the request addressed in this order.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Court previously granted Petitioner's § 2241 petition and determined that release from detention was the appropriate remedy. The Court then ordered Petitioner's release on conditions. Because release had already been ordered, the Court denied as moot Petitioner's subsequent request to remain detained in the Eastern District.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, 542 U.S. 426, 441 (2004)

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