

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF  
NEW YORK**

**Sebastian Renoj Ordonez v. Kenneth Genalo, et al.**

Renoj Ordonez v. Genalo · No. 26 Civ. 407 (JPC) · Decided January 16, 2026

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**SUMMARY**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York issued an order in a habeas action brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 concerning the petitioner's detention and location. The court directed the U.S. Attorney's Office to respond by January 22, 2026, permitted a reply by January 29, 2026, and instructed the parties to address the potential applicability of *Chen v. Almodovar*.

**OPINION**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK SEBASTIAN RENOJ ORDONEZ, Petitioner, -V- □ 26 Civ. 407 (JPC) KENNETH GENALO, et al., ORDER Respondents. JOHN P. CRONAN, United States District Judge: The Court, having examined the Petition in this action, which Petitioner filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, orders that: The Clerk of Court shall electronically notify the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York that this Order has been issued.

By January 22, 2026, the U.S. Attorney's Office shall file an answer or other pleadings in response to the Petition, explaining the basis for Petitioner's detention and Petitioner's location. Petitioner may file reply papers, if any, by January 29, 2026.

In preparing their papers, the parties shall discuss whether, if the statutory provision under which the Government asserts the authority to detain Petitioner is 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(A), there is any basis to distinguish this case from this Court's recent decision in *Chen v. Almodovar*, No. 25 Civ. 9670 (JPC), 2026 WL 100761 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 14, 2026). SO ORDERED.

Wha Dated: January 16, 2026 Lio CB New York, New York JOHN P. CRONAN United States District Judge