

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA

Romeo Guerrero A. Sombillo, Jr. v. K. Jordan, et al.

Sombillo · No. No. 25-01157-BAJ-SDJ · Decided May 19, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana grants Respondents’ Rule 12(b)(1) motion and dismisses as moot a habeas petition challenging immigration detention. The court concludes that the petitioner’s removal ended the challenged detention and that no collateral consequences or other continuing case or controversy were asserted.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Brian A. Jackson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
DECIDED	May 19, 2026
DOCKET	No. 25-01157-BAJ-SDJ
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Respondents moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(1) to dismiss the petition for habeas corpus as moot after representing that the petitioner had been removed from the United States. The petitioner filed no objection.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court considered mootness and Article III jurisdiction under Rule 12(b)(1), requiring a live case or controversy throughout the litigation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court ruling; nonprecedential
PARTIES	Romeo Guerrero A. Sombillo, Jr. v. K. Jordan, et al.

TOPICS

- immigration detention
- subject matter jurisdiction
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure
- constitutional law

PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the petitioner's habeas claim challenging the constitutionality of his detention became moot after his detention ended and he was removed from the United States.
2. Whether any asserted collateral consequences preserved an Article III case or controversy after the challenged detention ended.

HOLDINGS

1. A habeas petition challenging detention is moot when the detention ends and the petitioner no longer presents a live Article III case or controversy, unless a concrete and continuing injury or other collateral consequence remains.
2. Dismissal on mootness grounds is without prejudice to future suits on the merits of the same claim and does not constitute a final adjudication on the merits.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This means that, throughout the litigation, the plaintiff ‘must have suffered, or be threatened with, an actual injury traceable to the defendant and likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision.’”

“The petitioner presents an Article III controversy when he demonstrates “some concrete and continuing injury other than the now-ended incarceration”—a “collateral consequence of the conviction.””

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Respondents represented that Romero Guerrero A. Sombillo, Jr. had been removed from the United States, ending the detention challenged in his habeas petition. The petition challenged the constitutionality of his detention rather than his removal order or deportation. The petitioner did not object to dismissal and did not assert any collateral consequences resulting from the ended detention.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner challenged the constitutionality of his detention, not his removal order or deportation. After his detention ended through removal from the United States, respondents moved to dismiss for lack of a live case or controversy. The court granted the motion and dismissed the matter as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- *Spencer v. Kemna*, 528 U.S. 1, 7 (1998)
- *Lewis v. Continental Bank Corp.*, 494 U.S. 472, 477 (1990)
- *Zalawadia v. Ashcroft*, 371 F.3d 292, 297 (5th Cir. 2004)
- *Francis v. Lynch*, 622 F. App'x 455 (5th Cir. 2015)

- *Odus v. Ashcroft*, 61 F. App'x 121, 121 (5th Cir. 2003)
- *Umanzor v. Lambert*, 782 F.2d 1299, 1301 (5th Cir. 1986)
- *Wilderness Soc. v. Salazar*, 603 F. Supp. 2d 52, 72 (D.D.C. 2009)
- *Payne v. Panama Canal Co.*, 607 F.2d 155, 158 (5th Cir. 1979)

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