

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Walter A.T. v. Facility Administrator, Golden State Annex

Walter A.T. · No. 1:24-cv-01513-KES-EPG (HC) · Decided September 12, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California adopted the magistrate judge’s findings and recommendations and dismissed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 as moot. The petition became moot after the petitioner was removed from the United States; the court terminated the respondent’s motion to dismiss and directed the clerk to close the case.

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	September 12, 2025
DOCKET	1:24-cv-01513-KES-EPG (HC)
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 while detained in immigration custody. After a magistrate judge recommended dismissal as moot because petitioner had been removed from the United States, the district court conducted de novo review, adopted the findings and recommendations, terminated the respondent's motion to dismiss, and dismissed the petition as moot.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	De novo review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) of the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; limited persuasive value

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- immigration detention
- civil procedure
- immigration

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Immigration detention
- Federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 became moot after petitioner was removed from the United States.
2. Whether the district court should adopt the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations and terminate the respondent's motion to dismiss.

HOLDINGS

1. The petition was moot because petitioner had been removed from the United States while the case was pending.
2. The court adopted the findings and recommendations in full after conducting de novo review.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The petition for writ of habeas corpus is *DISMISSED* as moot;” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner pursued a federal habeas petition under § 2241 concerning his immigration detention. While the case was pending, petitioner was removed from the United States. The court treated that removal as rendering the petition moot.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner filed a § 2241 habeas petition, and respondent filed a motion to dismiss. The matter was referred to a magistrate judge, who issued findings and recommendations on July 18, 2025, recommending dismissal as moot because petitioner had been removed from the United States while the case was pending. No objections were filed, and the district court adopted the findings and recommendations in full and closed the case.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Forde v. U.S. Parole Commission, 114 F.3d 878 (9th Cir. 1997)
- Ojo v. INS, 106 F.3d 680, 681-82 (9th Cir. 1997)
- Bradshaw v. Story, 86 F.3d 164, 166 (10th Cir. 1996)