

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Adonis Sacerio-Subirat v. Merick Garland et al.

No. 5:25-cv-03468-RGK (SK), United States District Court for the Central District of California (January 29, 2026)

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Central District of California ordered petitioner Adonis Sacerio-Subirat to show cause why his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition should not be dismissed as moot. The order explains that respondents reported petitioner had been removed from the United States and warns that failure to respond could result in dismissal for mootness, lack of prosecution, or noncompliance with court orders.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Central District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Steve Kim, United States Magistrate Judge
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Central District of California
DECIDED	January 29, 2026
DOCKET	5:25-cv-03468-RGK (SK)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition challenging prolonged immigration detention pending final removal. After respondents reported that petitioner had been removed from the United States, the court issued an order to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; precedential status is not established in the source.
PARTIES	Adonis Sacerio-Subirat v. Merick Garland et al.

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- immigration detention
- removal proceedings
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether petitioner's removal from the United States rendered his § 2241 challenge to immigration detention moot.
2. Whether petitioner should be required to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.

HOLDINGS

1. The court determined that petitioner's removal and resulting release under the stated circumstances would moot the detention petition, and therefore ordered petitioner to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.
2. Failure to timely return the required form or otherwise respond in writing could be deemed consent to voluntary dismissal or could result in immediate closure for lack of prosecution and noncompliance with court orders.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Because petitioner’s release under these circumstances would moot his petition, see Murphy v. Hunt, 455 U.S. 478, 481 (1982), petitioner is ordered to show cause why the petition should not be dismissed as moot.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Adonis Sacerio-Subirat was detained at the Adelanto Immigration and Customs Enforcement Processing Center pending his final removal from the United States. He challenged the prolonged detention through a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. According to respondents, he was removed from the United States on January 19, 2026.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner filed the habeas petition on December 8, 2025, and the court ordered respondents to answer. Respondents reported that petitioner was removed on January 19, 2026, asserting that the petition was moot. The court ordered petitioner to respond within 14 days and warned that failure to respond could result in voluntary dismissal or closure for lack of prosecution and noncompliance.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Murphy v. Hunt, 455 U.S. 478, 481 (1982)