

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF  
LOUISIANA, LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

Abraham Salomon Rodriguez v. Judge James D. Cain, Jr. and Felipe  
Martinez Jr.

Rodriguez · No. 2:24-CV-00535 · Decided April 29, 2026

SUMMARY

The court dismissed Abraham Salomon Rodriguez’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition without prejudice for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. Because Rodriguez was released from Bureau of Prisons custody, the court determined that his challenge to sentence computation and request for speedier release were moot.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| JURISDICTION       | United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Lake Charles Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DECIDED            | April 29, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DOCKET             | 2:24-CV-00535                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DISPOSITION        | dismissed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | Pro se petitioner sought habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging the computation of his sentence and seeking speedier release. The district court dismissed the petition without prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction after learning that petitioner had been released from custody. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW | The court applied Article III's case-or-controversy requirement and reviewed whether the petition remained justiciable in light of the petitioner's release.                                                                                                                                               |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | Unknown; memorandum order with no reporter citation or stated precedential designation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| PARTIES            | Abraham Salomon Rodriguez v. Judge James D. Cain, Jr., Felipe Martinez Jr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

TOPICS

federal habeas corpus

subject matter jurisdiction

civil procedure

## PRACTICE AREAS

Federal habeas corpus

Mootness

Federal jurisdiction

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Rodriguez's § 2241 petition seeking speedier release became moot after his release from federal custody.
2. Whether the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction over the moot petition.

## HOLDINGS

1. Rodriguez's § 2241 claim was moot because he had been released from Bureau of Prisons custody and the court could no longer grant the requested relief.
2. Because the controversy was moot, the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction and dismissed the petition without prejudice.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“The case-or-controversy requirement “subsists through all stages of federal judicial proceedings, trial and appellate.””*

*“Because Rodriguez was released from BOP custody, his § 2241 claim is moot. The Court can no longer grant the relief requested.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Rodriguez was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oakdale, Louisiana when he filed a § 2241 petition challenging the computation of his sentence and seeking speedier release. The Bureau of Prisons reported that Rodriguez was released from custody on March 12, 2025, leaving the court unable to grant the requested relief.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Rodriguez filed a § 2241 petition while imprisoned at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oakdale, Louisiana. The Bureau of Prisons reported that he was released on March 12, 2025. The district court concluded that his request for release was moot and dismissed the petition without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction.

## DISPOSITION

dismissed

## CASES CITED

- *Hein v. Freedom From Religion Foundation, Inc.*, 551 U.S. 587, 597 (2007)

- DaimlerChrysler Corp. v. Cuno, 547 U.S. 332, 342 (2006)
- United States Parole Commission v. Geraghty, 445 U.S. 388, 396 (1980)
- Powell v. McCormack, 395 U.S. 486, 496 (1969)
- Spencer v. Kemna, 523 U.S. 1, 7 (1998)
- Carr v. Saucier, 582 F.2d 14, 16 (5th Cir. 1978)
- North Carolina v. Rice, 404 U.S. 244, 246 (1971)
- Locke v. Board of Public Instruction, 499 F.2d 359, 363-364 (5th Cir. 1974)

## OPINION

Rodriguez

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

ABRAHAM SALOMON RODRIGUEZ CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:24-CV-00535 SEC P

#42887-279 VERSUS JUDGE JAMES D. CAIN, JR.

FELIPE MARTINEZ JR MAGISTRATE JUDGE LEBLANC

MEMORANDUM ORDER

Pro se Petitioner Abraham Salomon Rodriguez (“Rodriguez”) filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. At the time of filing, Rodriguez was imprisoned at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oakdale, Louisiana. He challenged the computation of his sentence and sought a speedier release from custody. According to the Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”), Rodriguez was released on March 12, 2025.<sup>1</sup> Article III of the Constitution limits the judicial power of the United States to the resolution of “Cases” and “Controversies.” *Hein v. Freedom From Religion Found., Inc.*, 551 U.S. 587, 597 (2007) (quoting *DaimlerChrysler Corp. v. Cuno*, 547 U.S. 332, 342

(2006) (internal quotations and citations omitted)). A case becomes moot “when the issues presented are no longer ‘live’ or the parties lack a legally cognizable interest in the outcome.” *United States Parole Comm’n v. Geraghty*, 445 U.S. 388, 396 (1980) (quoting *Powell v. McCormack*, 395 U.S. 486, 496 (1969)). <sup>1</sup> <https://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/> The case-or-controversy requirement “subsists through all stages of federal judicial proceedings, trial and appellate.” *Spencer v. Kemna*, 523 U.S. 1, 7 (1998) (citations omitted). The parties must continue to have a “personal stake in the outcome” of the lawsuit. *Jd.* Therefore, throughout the litigation, the petitioner “must have suffered, or be threatened with, an actual injury traceable to the defendant and likely to be redressed by a favorable judicial decision.” *Jd.* Because Rodriguez was released from BOP custody, his § 2241 claim is moot. The Court can no longer grant the relief requested. If a controversy is moot, the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction. *Carr v. Saucier*, 582 F.2d 14, 16 (5th Cir. 1978) (citing *North Carolina v. Rice*, 404 U.S. 244, 246 (1971); *Locke v.*

Board of Public Instruction, 499 F.2d 359, 363-364 (Sth Cir. 1974)). Therefore, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Petition is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE for lack of jurisdiction. THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Chambers this 29th day of April, 2026.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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