

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re Khalid Keydsane Mohamed

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SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada grants Khalid Keydsane Mohamed leave to proceed in forma pauperis in his habeas corpus action challenging his immigration detention. The court appoints the Federal Public Defender, orders service and a response, establishes briefing deadlines, and directs that Mohamed not be transferred out of the district except for lawful deportation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of Nevada
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Jennifer A. Dorsey
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of Nevada
DECIDED	January 6, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-cv-02562-JAD-NJK
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	An immigration detainee filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging the lawfulness of his federal detention, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis. On preliminary review, the court granted in forma pauperis status, appointed counsel, ordered service, directed a response, and imposed a limited transfer restriction.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Preliminary review of a habeas petition; the court did not decide the ultimate merits of the detention challenge.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Khalid Keydsane Mohamed v. Respondent

TOPICS

- immigration detention
- federal habeas corpus
- service of process
- injunctions
- immigration

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Mohamed should be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis based on his inability to pay the filing fee.
2. Whether appointment of counsel was in the interests of justice.
3. Whether the habeas petition should be served and the respondent required to file a response after preliminary review.
4. Whether the court should restrict transfer of the petitioner out of the district, subject to effectuating lawful deportation.

HOLDINGS

1. The petitioner may proceed in forma pauperis because the information in his application showed that he was unable to pay the filing fee.
2. Appointment of counsel was warranted because it was in the interests of justice.
3. The petition was sufficiently subject to service and response after preliminary review, so the court ordered service on the respondent and required a responsive pleading.
4. The respondent must not transfer the petitioner out of the district, except to effectuate the petitioner's lawful deportation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Petitioner’s application to proceed in forma pauperis [ECF No. 1] is GRANTED.” (at 1)

“the respondent must not transfer the petitioner out of this district, with the exception of effectuating the petitioner’s lawful deportation.” (at 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Khalid Keydsane Mohamed is an immigration detainee held at Nevada Southern Detention Center. He challenged the lawfulness of his federal detention through a habeas petition and represented that he was unable to pay the filing fee.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mohamed submitted a habeas petition challenging his detention at Nevada Southern Detention Center and an application to proceed without prepaying the filing fee. The district court conducted a preliminary review, found that the fee application established inability to pay, determined that appointment of counsel was in the interests of justice, and ordered the petition served on the respondent.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Chaney v. Lewis, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986)
- Harris v. Nelson, 394 U.S. 286, 290 (1969)
- F.T.C. v. Dean Foods Co., 384 U.S. 597, 604 (1966)

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