

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
GEORGIA, COLUMBUS DIVISION

F.D.J.M.G. v. Warden, Stewart Detention Center, et al.

F.D.J.M.G. · No. 4:25-cv-488-CDL-AGH · Decided December 30, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia grants habeas relief to the extent that Respondents must provide Petitioner with a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). The Court concludes that Petitioner is not a member of the bond-eligible class certified in Maldonado Bautista because Petitioner was apprehended upon arrival, but is detained under § 1226(a) and is not subject to mandatory detention.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Columbus Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Clay D. Land
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Columbus Division
DECIDED	December 30, 2025
DOCKET	4:25-cv-488-CDL-AGH
DISPOSITION	granted
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 concerning the legality and conditions of immigration detention.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order with limited precedential value.
PARTIES	F.D.J.M.G., Petitioner v. Warden, Stewart Detention Center, et al., Respondents

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- immigration detention
- immigration
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- Immigration
- Federal habeas corpus
- Immigration detention

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Petitioner was a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*.
2. Whether Petitioner was detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and was entitled to a bond hearing because the detention was not mandatory.

HOLDINGS

1. Petitioner was not a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista* because Petitioner was apprehended upon arrival in the United States, while the class definition was limited to noncitizens who were not or would not be apprehended upon arrival.
2. Because Petitioner was detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and was not subject to mandatory detention, Respondents were required to provide Petitioner with a bond hearing to determine whether Petitioner could be released on bond.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, Petitioner’s motion for habeas corpus relief is granted to the extent that Respondents shall provide Petitioner with a bond hearing to determine if Petitioner may be released on bond under § 1226(a)(2) and the applicable regulations.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner was apprehended upon arrival in the United States and was detained at Stewart Detention Center. The court found that Petitioner was detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and was not subject to mandatory detention. Because the class certified in *Maldonado Bautista* excluded noncitizens apprehended upon arrival, Petitioner was not a member of that class.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

F.D.J.M.G. filed a § 2241 habeas petition while detained at Stewart Detention Center. The district court determined that Petitioner was not a member of the bond-eligible class certified in *Maldonado Bautista*, was detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), and was not subject to mandatory detention. The court granted relief to the extent that Respondents were required to provide a bond hearing.

DISPOSITION

granted

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

Respondents shall provide Petitioner with a bond hearing to determine whether Petitioner may be released on bond under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a)(2) and the applicable regulations.

CASES CITED

- Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025)
- J.A.M. v. Streeval, No. 4:25-CV-342-CDL, 2025 WL 3050094 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 1, 2025)
- P.R.S. v. Streeval, No. 4:25-CV-330-CDL, 2025 WL 3269947 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 24, 2025)

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
COLUMBUS DIVISION F.D.J.M.G.,: Petitioner,: v.: Case No. 4:25-cv-488-CDL-AGH: 28
U.S.C. § 2241 Warden, STEWART DETENTION: CENTER, et al.,: Respondents.:

_____ ORDER Based on the present record, the Court finds that Petitioner is not a class member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz, No. 5:25-CV- 01873-SSS-BFM, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D.

Cal. Nov. 25, 2025) because Petitioner was apprehended on arrival in the United States and the certified class is defined to include only noncitizens who “were not or will not be apprehended upon arrival.” Id. at *9.

The Court further finds that Petitioner is currently detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and that Petitioner is not subject to mandatory detention. See J.A.M. v. Streeval, No. 4:25- CV-342-CDL, 2025 WL 3050094 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 1, 2025); P.R.S. v. Streeval, No. 4:25- CV-330-CDL, 2025 WL 3269947 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 24, 2025).

Accordingly, Petitioner’s motion for habeas corpus relief is granted to the extent that Respondents shall provide Petitioner with a bond hearing to determine if Petitioner may be released on bond under § 1226(a)(2) and the applicable regulations. See 8 C.F.R. §§ 236.1 & 1236.1.1 1 The brevity of this order is appropriate given that the issue presented is exactly the same as the issue previously decided on numerous occasions by the Court and yet Respondents insist upon denying the relief that the Court has found is required.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of December, 2025. s/Clay D. Land CLAY D. LAND U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA