

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

A.Z.C. v. Tony Normand, et al.

A.Z.C. · No. 7:25-cv-181-LAG-ALS · Decided December 4, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia ordered the respondents to file a limited response addressing the statutory basis for the petitioner’s immigration detention. The order concerns whether the petitioner is subject to mandatory detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) or discretionary detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), and permits the petitioner to reply.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Alfreda L. Sheppard
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Valdosta Division
DECIDED	December 4, 2025
DOCKET	7:25-cv-181-LAG-ALS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed an application for habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court issued an order directing respondents to file a limited response addressing the legal basis for petitioner's detention.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	A.Z.C. v. Tony Normand, et al.

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether petitioner is being detained under the mandatory-detention provision of 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2) or the discretionary-detention provision of 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).
2. Whether the basis for petitioner's detention requires a response from respondents before the court can evaluate the § 2241 habeas application.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In light of those decisions, Respondents are directed to file a limited response within seven (7) days addressing specifically the basis for Petitioner’s detention.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioner alleges that he is an arriving alien who was granted parole under Immigration and Nationality Act § 212(d)(5). He further alleges that respondents are mandatorily detaining him under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2), rather than detaining him in the exercise of discretion under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). The court could not determine from the application the basis for petitioner's detention or whether the case involved the same detention issue addressed in two other Middle District of Georgia cases.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Petitioner originally filed the habeas application in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia and then proceeded in the Middle District of Georgia. After reviewing the application, the court found that the basis for petitioner's detention was unclear and ordered respondents to file a limited response within seven days, with petitioner permitted to reply within three days thereafter.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- J.A.M. v. Streeval, 2025 WL 3050094 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 1, 2025)
- P.R.S. v. Streeval, 2025 WL 3269947 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 24, 2025)

OPINION

FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA VALDOSTA DIVISION A.Z.C.: Petitioner,; v.: Case No. 7:25-cv-181-LAG-ALS: 28 U.S.C. § 2241 TONY NORMAND, et al.,; Respondents.:
_____ ORDER FOR RESPONSE Pending before the Court is Petitioner’s application for habeas corpus relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. (Doc. 1).¹ Having reviewed the habeas application, it is not clear to the Court the basis for Petitioner’s detention.

Specifically, Petitioner alleges that he is an arriving alien who was granted parole under Immigration and Nationalization Act § 212(d)(5), but that Respondents have mandatorily detained him under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2), rather than discretionary detention under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). It

is, thus, not clear to the Court whether this case involves the same issues raised in *J.A.M. v. Streeval*, No. 4:25- CV-342-CDL, 2025 WL 3050094 (M.D.

Ga. Nov. 1, 2025) and *P.R.S. v. Streeval*, No. 4:25-cv-330- CDL, 2025 WL 3269947 (M.D. Ga. Nov. 24, 2025), concerning whether the petitioner is properly detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1225(b) (2) or 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a). In light of those decisions, Respondents are directed to file a limited response within seven (7) days addressing specifically the basis for Petitioner's detention.

Petitioner may file a reply within three (3) days of Respondents' response to this Order. SO ORDERED, this 4th day of December, 2025. s/ ALFREDA L. SHEPPARD UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 1 Petitioner originally filed his habeas application in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.