

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN

Cristian Pena-Eusebio, et al. v. Kevin Raycraft, et al.

Pena-Eusebio · No. 25-cv-13703 · Decided January 9, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan granted in part and denied in part the respondents’ motion to dismiss or transfer. The court transferred the petition for a writ of habeas corpus to the Western District of Michigan.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Matthew F. Leitman
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
DECIDED	January 9, 2026
DOCKET	25-cv-13703
DISPOSITION	transferred
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioners filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Respondents moved to dismiss or transfer, and the court granted the motion in part by transferring the petition to the Western District of Michigan while denying it in all other respects.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court order

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- venue
- motions to dismiss
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- immigration habeas corpus
- federal habeas corpus
- venue and transfer

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the petition should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.
- Whether Respondents’ motion should be granted in any other respect, including dismissal.

HOLDINGS

1. The petition should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan.
2. The motion to dismiss or transfer was denied in all respects other than the request to transfer the petition to the Western District of Michigan.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Petitioners Cristian Pena-Eusebio and others filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus against Kevin Raycraft and others. Respondents moved to dismiss or transfer the petition. After a status conference, the court determined that transfer to the Western District of Michigan was appropriate.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Following a January 8, 2026 status conference, the district court ruled on Respondents' Motion to Dismiss or Transfer. The court transferred the habeas petition to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan and denied the motion in all other respects.

DISPOSITION

transferred

CASES CITED

- Hector Cid-Barrios v. Raycraft, __ F.Supp.3d __, No. 25-13630, 2025 WL 3724377 (E.D. Mich. Dec. 24, 2025)

OPINION

Pena-Eusebio

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

SOUTHERN DIVISION

CRISTIAN PENA-EUSEBIO,

et al., Petitioners, Case No. 25-cv-13703 v. Hon. Matthew F. Leitman KEVIN RAYCRAFT, et al.,
Respondents. _____/

ORDER (1) GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART

RESPONDENTS' MOTION TO DISMISS OR TRANSFER (ECF No. 4)

AND (2) TRANSFERRING PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES

DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

On January 8, 2026, the Court held a status conference in this action. For the reasons stated on the record during the conference, Respondents' Motion to Dismiss or Transfer (ECF No. 4) is

GRANTED in part and DENIED in part as follows. The motion is GRANTED to the extent that it requests that the Court transfer this petition to the Western District of Michigan. See *Hector Cid-Barrios v. Raycraft*, __ F.Supp.3d __, No. 25-13630, 2025 WL 3724377, **4–6 (E.D. Mich., Dec. 24, 2025). The motion is DENIED in all other respects. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioners’ Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus is transferred to the Western District of Michigan. IT IS SO ORDERED. s/Matthew F. Leitman

MATTHEW F. LEITMAN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: January 9, 2026 I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on January 9, 2026, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.
s/Holly A. Ryan Case Manager
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