

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Kristy Lynn Felkins v. Warden

No. 2:25-cv-3185-DMC-P · No. No. 2:25-cv-3185-DMC-P · Decided November 13, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California ordered the transfer of Kristy Lynn Felkins’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition to the Central District of California. The court applied the immediate-custodian and district-of-confinement rules because Felkins was incarcerated at FCI Victorville, which lies within the Central District of California.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Dennis M. Cota
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	November 13, 2025
DOCKET	No. 2:25-cv-3185-DMC-P
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner, a federal inmate proceeding pro se, filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The district court transferred the matter to the United States District Court for the Central District of California based on the district-of-confinement rule.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown
PARTIES	Kristy Lynn Felkins v. Warden

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- venue
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Federal habeas corpus
- Federal civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether a core habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 should be transferred to the district encompassing the petitioner's place of confinement under the immediate-custodian and district-of-confinement rules.

HOLDINGS

1. A core habeas petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is properly heard in the district encompassing the petitioner's place of confinement and immediate custodian; because Felkins was confined in an area covered by the Central District of California, the matter was transferred there.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Ninth Circuit has “affirm[ed] the application of the immediate custodian and district of confinement rules to core habeas petitions filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, including those filed by immigrant detainees.”” (at 1)

“Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Kristy Lynn Felkins is a federal inmate incarcerated at FCI Victorville Medium I in Victorville, California. She is serving a sentence for a conviction rendered by the Eastern District of California. She filed a core habeas petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, but her place of confinement is within the Central District of California.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Felkins filed a § 2241 habeas petition in the Eastern District of California. Although her conviction was rendered by that district, she was incarcerated at FCI Victorville Medium I, which lies within the Central District of California. The court ordered the matter transferred to the Central District of California.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Doe v. Garland, 109 F.4th 1188, 1199 (9th Cir. 2024)