

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Duong v. Kaiser

No. 25-cv-7598 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 6, 2025) · No. 25-cv-7598 · Decided September 6, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California grants Rachana Duong’s ex parte motion for a temporary restraining order concerning immigration detention. The order requires immediate release, bars re-detention without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing, prohibits removal from the United States, and sets briefing, reporting, and a preliminary-injunction hearing schedule.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Trina L. Thompson
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Northern District of California
DECIDED	September 6, 2025
DOCKET	25-cv-7598
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner-Plaintiff sought an ex parte temporary restraining order requiring immediate release from immigration custody and prohibiting removal and re-detention without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	A temporary restraining order is governed by the same standard as a preliminary injunction. The court applied the Winter factors: likelihood of success on the merits, likelihood of irreparable harm, balance of equities, and public interest. For an ex parte TRO, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) also requires specific facts showing immediate and irreparable injury before the adverse party can be heard and a statement of efforts to give notice.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential interlocutory district-court temporary restraining order
PARTIES	Rachana Duong v. Polly Kaiser et al.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the requirements for an ex parte temporary restraining order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(b) were satisfied.
2. Whether Duong was entitled to temporary injunctive relief based on a likely constitutional liberty interest in remaining out of immigration custody and the likelihood of irreparable harm from detention.
3. Whether the balance of equities and public interest favored ordering immediate release and prohibiting re-detention without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing.
4. Whether respondents should be restrained from removing or transferring Duong outside the United States pending further proceedings.

HOLDINGS

1. The requirements for issuing an ex parte temporary restraining order without notice were satisfied because counsel identified specific facts showing that immediate and irreparable injury could occur before respondents could be heard and stated counsel's efforts to contact the United States Attorney's Office.
2. Duong established a likelihood of success on the merits, likely irreparable harm, and that the balance of equities and public interest favored relief.
3. Respondents were enjoined from re-detaining Duong without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing before a neutral decisionmaker.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“A plaintiff seeking preliminary injunctive relief must establish “[1] that he is likely to succeed on the merits, [2] that he is likely to suffer irreparable harm in the absence of preliminary relief, [3] that the balance of equities tips in his favor, and [4] that an injunction is in the public interest.”” (at 2)

“Respondents are ORDERED to immediately release Petitioner-Plaintiff Rachana Duong from custody and ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from re-detaining Petitioner-Plaintiff without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing before a neutral decisionmaker, and from removing him/her from the United States.” (at 4)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Duong was a long-time lawful permanent resident who entered the United States as a refugee and had lived there since childhood. After criminal convictions and release from criminal custody, Duong spent three months in ICE custody and was released on bond in June 2020, thereafter complying with the bond conditions and working in community organizations. ICE arrested Duong at home on September 6, 2025, after officers asked Duong to step outside under the pretext that a photograph needed to be retaken.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Rachana Duong filed a petition and an ex parte motion for a temporary restraining order after ICE arrested Duong at home on September 6, 2025. The court granted the motion, ordered immediate release, prohibited re-detention without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing, prohibited removal or transfer outside the United States, and set deadlines for briefing and a preliminary-injunction hearing.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

Respondents were ordered to immediately release Duong, were restrained from re-detaining Duong without notice and a pre-deprivation hearing and from removing Duong from the United States, and were ordered to file a response and status report before the scheduled preliminary-injunction hearing.

CASES CITED

- Washington v. Trump, 847 F.3d 1151, 1159 n.3 (9th Cir. 2017)
- Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20, 22 (2008)
- E. Bay Sanctuary Covenant v. Trump, 932 F.3d 742, 779 (9th Cir. 2019)
- Granny Goose Foods, Inc. v. Brotherhood of Teamsters & Auto Truck Drivers Local No. 70, 415 U.S. 423, 439 (1974)
- Friends of the Wild Swan v. Weber, 767 F.3d 936, 942 (9th Cir. 2014)
- Nken v. Holder, 556 U.S. 418, 435 (2009)
- Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202, 210 (1982)
- Toeibio Felipe Castanon Domingo v. Kaiser, 2025 WL 1940179, at *2 (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2025)
- Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 U.S. 319 (1976)
- Hernandez v. Sessions, 872 F.3d 976, 994 (9th Cir. 2017)
- Melendres v. Arpaio, 695 F.3d 990, 1002 (9th Cir. 2012)
- Warsoldier v. Woodford, 418 F.3d 989, 1001-02 (9th Cir. 2005)
- Jorge M. F. v. Wilkinson, No. 21-CV-01434, 2021 WL 783561, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 1, 2021)
- Toeibio Felipe Castanon Domingo v. Kaiser, 2025 WL 1940179, at *4 (N.D. Cal. July 14, 2025)

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