

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

Santos Martin Mejia-Ordonez v. FNU LNU, Warden, et al.

Mejia-Ordonez · No. 2:25-cv-01221-MIS-KRS · Decided December 9, 2025

SUMMARY

This Order of Reference refers the case to a magistrate judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636 for hearings, legal analysis, and a recommended disposition. It explains the parties’ opportunity to object to proposed findings and reminds them that they may consent to magistrate-judge jurisdiction.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Margaret Strickland
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the District of New Mexico
DECIDED	December 9, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-01221-MIS-KRS
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241; the district court entered an order referring the matter to a magistrate judge for further proceedings and a recommended disposition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished
PARTIES	Santos Martin Mejia-Ordonez v. FNU LNU, Warden, Otero County Processing Center, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Corey A. Price, Acting Director, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Kristi Noem, Secretary of Homeland Security, Pamela Jo Bondi, United States Attorney General, in their official capacities

TOPICS

- immigration detention
- immigration
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Immigration
- Federal habeas corpus
- Civil procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the habeas proceeding should be referred to a magistrate judge for hearings, legal analysis, and a recommended disposition under 28 U.S.C. § 636.

HOLDINGS

1. The district court referred the case to the magistrate judge to conduct hearings if warranted, perform any required legal analysis, and submit findings and a recommended disposition to the assigned district judge.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The Magistrate Judge will submit an analysis, including findings of fact, if necessary, and recommended disposition, to the District Judge assigned to the case, with copies provided to the parties.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The document contains no substantive factual findings concerning the petitioner's detention or underlying immigration matter. It is an order of reference directing a magistrate judge to undertake further analysis and, if necessary, conduct hearings.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Santos Martin Mejia-Ordonez filed a federal habeas corpus proceeding against immigration-related respondents. The district court referred the case to a magistrate judge to conduct hearings if warranted, perform necessary legal analysis, and submit findings and a recommended disposition to the district judge. The parties were advised of their opportunity to object to the proposed findings, analysis, and disposition.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Va. Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Wood, 901 F.2d 849 (10th Cir. 1990)

OPINION

Mejia-Ordonez

PER CURIAM.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

SANTOS MARTIN MEJIA-ORDONEZ,

Petitioner, v. FNU LNU, Warden, Otero County Civil No. 2:25-cv-01221-MIS-KRS Processing Center; UNITED STATES

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

ENFORCEMENT; COREY A. PRICE,

Acting Director, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of Homeland Security; and PAMELA JO BONDI, United States Attorney General, in their official capacities, Respondents.

ORDER OF REFERENCE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(B), (b)(3), and Va. Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Wood, 901 F.2d 849 (10th Cir. 1990), this case is referred to the Magistrate Judge to conduct hearings, if warranted, including evidentiary hearings, and to perform any legal analysis required to recommend to the Court an ultimate disposition of the case.¹ The Magistrate Judge will submit an analysis, including findings of fact, if necessary, and recommended disposition, to the District Judge assigned to the case, with copies provided to the parties. The parties will be given the opportunity to object to the proposed findings, analysis, and disposition as described in 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). ¹ The Parties are reminded that they may consent to the Magistrate Judge at any time by submitting Form AO 85. Objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of the proposed disposition.

MARGARET STRICKLAND

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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