

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
FLORIDA, FORT MYERS DIVISION

Luis A. Lopez Cordero v. Kristi Noem, et al.

Lopez-Cordero · No. 2:25-CV-1210-JES-DNF · Decided February 4, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida granted the respondents’ unopposed motion to dismiss Luis A. Lopez Cordero’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition as moot. The court held that his removal from the United States ended his detention, and that no collateral-consequences or capable-of-repetition exception to mootness applied.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Fort Myers Division
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida
DECIDED	February 4, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-CV-1210-JES-DNF
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Respondents moved unopposed to dismiss a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 as moot after the petitioner was removed from the United States.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed its subject-matter jurisdiction under Article III de novo principles applicable to mootness and determined whether any exception to mootness applied.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unknown; federal district court opinion with no reporter citation in the source.
PARTIES	Luis A. Lopez Cordero v. Kristi Noem, et al.

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- immigration detention
- subject matter jurisdiction
- removal proceedings
- immigration

PRACTICE AREAS

- immigration law
- federal habeas corpus
- federal jurisdiction

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the petition for a writ of habeas corpus seeking release from immigration detention became moot after the petitioner was removed from the United States and released from custody.
2. Whether the collateral-consequences or capable-of-repetition-yet-evading-review exceptions preserved a live controversy.

HOLDINGS

1. A habeas petition seeking release from detention is moot when the petitioner is no longer in custody and the challenged detention has ended.
2. The collateral-consequences exception did not apply because the petitioner challenged only his detention and identified no continuing concrete injury that the court could remedy.
3. The capable-of-repetition-yet-evading-review exception did not apply because there was no demonstrated probability that Lopez Cordero would return to the United States and be detained again.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Thus, the condition he sought to escape no longer exists, and the habeas petition is moot.” (Opinion text)

“There is no live controversy left to adjudicate, and the Court is powerless to grant relief for a detention that has already ended.” (Opinion text)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Lopez Cordero, a Cuban citizen, alleged that Immigration and Customs Enforcement revoked his order of supervision and detained him on December 16, 2025. He alleged that ICE did not explain the reasons for the revocation or interview him to provide an opportunity to respond. He filed a § 2241 petition seeking release, but the Government subsequently removed him from the United States, ending the detention he challenged.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Lopez Cordero filed a § 2241 habeas petition seeking release from immigration detention after ICE revoked his order of supervision and detained him. While the petition was pending, the Government removed him from the United States and ended his custody. Respondents then filed an unopposed motion to dismiss, which the court granted and ordered the case closed.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Al Najjar v. Ashcroft, 273 F.3d 1330, 1336 (11th Cir. 2001)
- Djadju v. Vega, 32 F.4th 1102, 1107 (11th Cir. 2022)
- Salmeron-Salmeron v. Spivey, 926 F.3d 1283, 1289 (11th Cir. 2019)

- Al Najjar v. Ashcroft, 273 F.3d 1330, 1339 (11th Cir. 2001)
- Mehmood v. United States Att’y Gen., 808 F. App’x 911, 913 (11th Cir. 2020)
- Zapeta v. Exec. Dir. of the Fla. Div. of Emergency Mgmt., No. 2:25-CV-00697-JLB-KCD, 2025 WL 2432501, at *3 (M.D. Fla. Aug. 22, 2025)

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