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6       IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICKY THOMAS, No. C 11-5613 SI

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11 Petitioner,

No. C 11-5613 SI

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION  
HEARING SCHEDULE**

Petitioner has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The petition alleges that petitioner accepted an offer from the United States Parole Commission to waive his right to a federal parole-revocation hearing in exchange for release from custody on November 20, 2011. The petition alleges that petitioner was not released from custody on November 20, 2011, and that the Commission is holding petitioner in custody unconstitutionally. Petitioner requests that the Court issue a writ of habeas corpus and order the Commission to immediately release petitioner.

21 The Court finds that the claims raised in the petition are cognizable in a federal habeas action.  
22 The Clerk shall serve by certified mail a copy of this order, the petition and all attachments thereto upon  
23 United States Parole Commission, respondent, and on respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of  
24 the United States and on the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. The Clerk  
25 shall also serve a copy of this order on petitioner and petitioner's counsel at the mailing address  
26 provided.

27 In light of petitioner's request for immediate release, the Court finds it appropriate to set an  
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1 expedited briefing and hearing schedule. Respondent shall file an answer to the petition no later than  
2 **December 5, 2011**, and petitioner may file a reply by **December 7, 2011**. The Court will hold a hearing  
3 on the petition on **December 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**

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5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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7 Dated: November 28, 2011

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SUSAN ILLSTON  
United States District Judge