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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 ISAAC NATANAEL MIRAMONTES-
12 PERAZA,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 MICHAEL A. HERNANDEZ, et al,

16 Respondents.

Case No.: 25cv70-CAB-SBC

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

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18 On January 13, 2025, Petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
19 Section 2241. [Doc. No. 1.] Petitioner is currently a defendant in an ongoing criminal
20 proceeding in this Court before a different district court judge. *See generally*, 24cr1822-
21 AGS. In that criminal proceeding, Petitioner is currently out on bond. [24cr1822, Doc.
22 Nos. 30, 33.] Petitioner has also been allowed, at his request, to represent himself in the
23 criminal proceedings. [24cr1822, Doc. No. 33.] In this petition, while there is some
24 mention of conditions of confinement (which are now moot), Petitioner primarily
25 addresses the merits of the criminal case, and voices frustration with his attorney and the
26 trial court's rulings. [Doc. No. 1 at 28-35.]

27 It is well established that a criminal defendant cannot use a petition for writ of
28 habeas corpus to challenge the district court's orders or assert defenses in a pending

1 federal criminal prosecution. *See Jones v. Perkins*, 245 U.S. 390, 391 (1918) (“It is well
2 settled that in the absence of exceptional circumstances in criminal cases the regular
3 judicial procedure should be followed and habeas corpus should not be granted in
4 advance of a trial.”). *See also Oster v. United States*, --F.Supp.3d--, 2025 WL 259589, at
5 *1-2 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2025)(so long as such detainees can adequately and effectively
6 vindicate their rights and adjudicate the merits of their charges in their criminal
7 proceedings, they cannot short-circuit those proceedings by simultaneously petitioning
8 for release under § 2241.) Here, Petitioner has an adequate and effective means to
9 vindicate his rights in the trial court, as shown by the fact that he is out on bond and
10 allowed to represent himself in the criminal proceedings. Finally, given the ongoing
11 nature of the criminal proceeding, this Court declines to interfere with another judge's
12 assigned case. *See Mullis v. U.S. Bankr. Ct. for Dist. of Nevada*, 828 F.2d 1385, 1393
13 (9th Cir. 1987) (“[a] district court lacks authority to issue a writ of mandamus to another
14 district court.”). Therefore, Petitioner's challenges to the district court’s actions in his
15 federal criminal prosecution must be dismissed. Petitioner must properly pursue these
16 issues in his pending criminal case before the trial court.

17 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

- 18 1. The habeas corpus petition, Doc. No. 1, is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.**
- 19 2. The Clerk's Office is directed to **ENTER JUDGMENT** and **CLOSE** the file.
- 20 3. The Court certifies that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), an appeal from this
21 decision could not be taken in good faith and there is no basis upon which to issue a
22 certificate of appealability. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). A certificate
23 of appealability is therefore **DENIED.**

24 Dated: January 27, 2025



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26 Hon. Cathy Ann Bencivengo
27 United States District Judge
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