

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	CASE NO. 1:25-CR-040
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	JUDGE HOPKINS
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
ERNEST D. CHAVEZ	)	
a/k/a "Lax," <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

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**GOVERNMENT’S MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

The United States Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Ohio (collectively the “Government”), hereby request a status conference in the above-captioned case. The purposes of the status conference would be to address the status of the twelfth, yet-to-be-arraigned defendant (defendant no. 4), whom the government is seeking to extradite from a foreign country, and to discuss next steps in this matter, in light of the pending extradition.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Motion for a Status Conference* has been electronically served via the Court's CM/ECF system upon all counsel of record this 20th day of March, 2026.

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