

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

IN RE:)
COMPASSIONATE RELEASE.) No. 20-mc-4011
)

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To ensure the efficient adjudication of requests seeking early release from imprisonment for extraordinary and compelling reasons (“compassionate release” motion), in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A), the Court orders the following:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(1), and (c), the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Central District of Illinois (FPD) shall be appointed to represent each defendant who files a request seeking compassionate release, by whatever nomenclature the litigant uses in the document. In the Urbana division, a member of the CJA panel shall be appointed in lieu of the FPD for cases assigned to Judge Colin S. Bruce. If a defendant writes the FPD requesting assistance in seeking compassionate release, the FPD shall forward the request to the Court which will file the letter as a motion seeking compassionate release unless the Court has already opened a case for the defendant.


2. Upon appointment, the United States Probation Office for the Central District of Illinois and the Clerk of Court for the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (“Clerk of Court”) are authorized to disclose copies of judgments, presentence investigation reports, and statements of reasons to the FPD and AUSA for the purpose of determining eligibility for relief and determining whether a conflict of interest precludes the FPD from representing the petitioner. Should the Federal Public Defender determine that there is a prohibitive conflict in which the prospective client’s interests are materially adverse to those of a current or former client with regard to representation of a defendant in the litigation, the Court shall be notified and the Clerk of Court is authorized to appoint a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel of this District.

3. All cases subject to this Order shall be assigned to the initial sentencing judge, and if not available, by reassignment through the Chief Judge.

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to send copies of the Order to the FPD and the United States Attorney’s Office and post this Order to the District Court’s website.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: 9/15/20


SARA DARROW, Chief Judge
Central District of Illinois