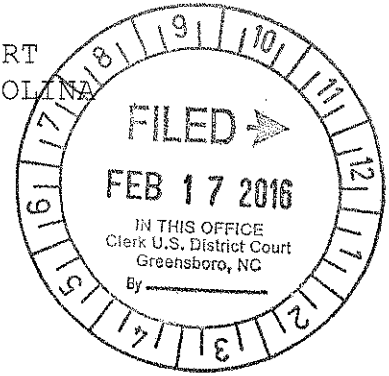


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



In re: Motions Related to Claims under)
Johnson v. United States, _____ U.S. _____,)
135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015) For Defendants)
Whose Judgments Are Final)

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act,
18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(1) and (c), the Office of Federal Public
Defender for the Middle District of North Carolina is hereby
appointed to represent any defendant previously determined to
have been entitled to appointment of counsel, or who is now
indigent, and whose conviction is final and meets the following
criteria. This appointment shall apply to those cases
identified by the Federal Public Defender's Office for the
Middle District of North Carolina or the United States
Sentencing Commission as (1) having been sentenced by
application of 18 U.S.C. § 924(e) and (2) potentially affected
by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in
Johnson v. United States, _____ U.S. _____, 135 S. Ct. 2551
(2015). The purpose of this appointment is to determine whether
that defendant may qualify for federal habeas relief under
either 28 U.S.C. § 2255 or 28 U.S.C. § 2241 in light of Johnson,
and for the limited purpose of providing general information to
such defendants regarding the decision in Johnson, the options

for pursuing Johnson-related relief, and to present any petitions, motions, or applications relating solely thereto to this Court for disposition.

Appointment of counsel in individual cases involving motions for post-conviction relief raising Johnson-related issues will be made by separate order in each case. If substitution of counsel is necessary in an individual case, the Federal Public Defender's Office will determine the defendant's previous representation and will coordinate with the Clerk's Office to submit a specific appointment of counsel for the Court's approval.

If the Federal Public Defender's Office or previously appointed counsel believes there is a conflict that would prevent the Federal Public Defender from assuming appointment for an individual defendant, counsel shall bring such conflict to the attention of the Court for adjudication of the issue.

The United States Probation Office for the Middle District of North Carolina and the United States District Court Clerk's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina are authorized to disclose Presentence Investigation Reports, Statements of Reasons, and Judgments to the Federal Public Defender's Office for the purpose of determining eligibility for relief under Johnson.

The Clerk shall promptly notify the Federal Public Defender of all pending pro se motions and petitions seeking relief under Johnson, from sentences imposed by application of 18 U.S.C. § 924(e), so the Federal Public Defender can assume representation.

This the 17 day of February, 2016.

FOR THE COURT:

William L. Osteen Jr.
William L. Osteen Jr., Chief Judge
Middle District of North Carolina