UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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IN RE: MOTIONS UNDER SECTION 603(b) OF THE FIRST STEP ACT FOR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, Title 18, U.S.C, §3006A(a)(1) and (c), and the discretion of the Court, the Court hereby appoints the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of Missouri to represent any defendant previously determined to have been entitled to appointment of counsel or who is now indigent to determine whether the defendant is eligible to petition the Court for compassionate release in accordance with Section 603(b) of the First Step Act of 2018, 18 U.S.C., §3582(c) and (d), and to file any motions for compassionate release.

The United States Probation Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and the United States District Court Clerk's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri 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 compassionate release and preparing compassionate release petitions.

To enable the Federal Public Defender's Office to determine eligibility and prepare compassionate release petitions, the Court directs the United States to facilitate the process for the Office of the Federal Public Defender to obtain the most recent and relevant documents, including, but not limited to, the petitioner's progress report, sentence computation form, financial responsibility form, inmate education data, disciplinary data, inmate profile and medical records. To the extent necessary, the Office of the Federal Public Defender will assist such a petitioner in executing a release form authorizing the Bureau of Prisons to disclose institutional records to the Office of the Federal Public Defender.

Within thirty (30) days of the filing of the a pro se motion for compassionate release pursuant to Section 603(b) of the First Step Act of 2018, <u>18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)</u> and <u>(d)</u>, the Federal Public Defender's Office will file either a supplemental motion or a statement indicating it will not be filing anything on defendant's behalf.

In the event the Federal Public Defender's Office files a supplemental motion for compassionate release, the United States will have thirty (30) days in which to file a response to the motion. If the Federal Public Defender's Office opts not to pursue a filing, the United States need not file a response unless ordered to do so by the Court.

Nothing in this order prevents a Judge from shortening the above time periods if doing so is in the interest of justice in any particular case.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2020.

Rodney W. Sippel Chief United States District Judge