

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD P. HEISLER,

Defendant.

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ORDER

02-CR-135-C

Defendant Donald P. Heisler has filed a motion for adjustment of payment of restitution and assessments costs. In support of his motion, defendant argues that the Bureau of Prisons has been deducting payments on his court-ordered assessments and restitution obligations and that these deductions are hampering his ability to maintain contact with his children and to purchase postage stamps and hygiene items. Defendant asks that this court adjust his payment of assessment fees by suspending his court-ordered obligation until he is released from prison or earns transfer to a community correctional center or in the alternative, to suspend his court-ordered obligations until he is transferred from his present institution to a less secure one where he can obtain a prison job and meet his obligations more easily. Defendant's motion will be DENIED.

It is appropriate and well within the Bureau of Prisons' discretion to require inmates to make payments on their court-ordered obligations, including the special assessment penalty. It may be a hardship for defendant to pay these costs, but it is a hardship for which he is responsible.

ORDER

Defendant Donald P. Heisler's motion for an adjustment of payment of restitution and assessment costs is DENIED.

Entered this 20th day of July, 2006.

BY THE COURT:  
/s/  
BARBARA B. CRABB  
District Judge