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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ORDER

04-cr-188-bbc

Plaintiff,

V.

MICKEY A. RANDLE,

Defendant.

Defendant Mickey A. Randle has filed a motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b), or in the alternative, for a motion for trial pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(a)(2). The motion must be denied. This is the second challenge defendant has brought to his conviction and sentence. (Defendant filed a motion for relief from his sentence in July of 2007. The motion was denied.) District courts have no jurisdiction to entertain successive challenges to convictions and sentences unless the court of appeals has certified the challenge as one that meets the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Defendant has not shown that his motion has been certified; therefore, it must be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

Defendant cannot avoid the successive petition rule simply by re-naming his motion something other than a motion brought pursuant to § 2255. "[A]ny post-judgment motion

in a criminal proceeding that fits the description of § 2255 ¶ 1 is a motion under § 2255," requiring prior appellate approval before it may be brought in the district court. <u>United</u> States v. Evans, 224 F.3d 670, 672 (7th Cir. 2000).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Mickey A. Randle's motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(b), or, in the alternative, for a trial pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 59(a)(2) is construed as a motion brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and is DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction.

Entered this 1st day of September, 2010.

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