IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. NICHOLAS P. DIMODICA, Defendant.

Defendant Nicholas Dimodica has filed a motion for leave to file and proceed on appeal <u>in forma pauperis</u> and affidavit of indigency and asks that Attorney Mark Eisenberg be appointed counsel for his appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Although I cannot appoint counsel to represent him on the appeal, I can make a determination that defendant is eligible for court-appointed counsel and make that determination known to the court of appeals.

From my examination of defendant's financial affidavit and from the information contained in defendant's pre-sentence report, I am persuaded that defendant lacks the financial resources to retain private counsel to represent him on appeal. I will advise the court of appeals of this determination.

Entered this 31st day of October, 2005.

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