

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER CHANEY,

Defendant.

ORDER

10-cr-188-bbc

Defendant Jennifer Chaney has filed a motion for modification of the sentence imposed on her on September 1, 2011, based upon her rehabilitative efforts. The motion must be denied because this court has no authority to reduce defendant's sentence. Once the court has imposed a sentence, it loses jurisdiction to make any changes in the sentence except in two specific circumstances: (1) if the United States Government moves for a reduction in recognition of substantial assistance that the defendant has provided; or (2) if the court of appeals reverses defendant's conviction. Neither of these things has happened in this case, so I must deny defendant's motion.

Although defendant's efforts at rehabilitation are commendable, Congress does not allow a court to reduce defendant's sentence for that reason.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Jennifer Chaney's motion to modify her sentence is DENIED on the ground that the court lacks the authority to grant the relief requested.

Entered this 14th day of May, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge