IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

01-cr-110-bbc

v.

ANTOINE BRANCH,

Defendant.

Defendant Antoine Branch has filed a motion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582, seeking a reduction of the sentence imposed upon him in this court on January 2, 2009. The motion will be granted.

At defendant's 2009 sentencing, his term of imprisonment was 168 months, which was at about the midpoint of the sentencing guideline range of 151 to 188 months. Under the amended guidelines, defendant has an advisory guideline range of 130 to 162 months.

Defendant has asked for a sentence of 130 months, at the bottom of the amended sentencing range. The government argues for a decrease to the midpoint of the range or 144 months.

I agree with the government that a sentence at the midpoint of the amended guideline

range would be reasonable and sufficient to protect the community, provide defendant the opportunity for substance abuse counseling and other rehabilitative programs, including vocational training, and achieve parity with the sentences of similarly situated offenders.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment and commitment order signed on January 2, 2009 is AMENDED to provide that the sentence imposed on defendant Antoine Branch is reduced to 144 months. In all other respects, the judgment and commitment order remains as signed on January 2, 2009.

Entered this 21st day of November, 2011.

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