IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

02-cr-141-bbc

v.

DEZEL JONES,

Defendant.

Defendant has written to the court asking for a modification of his sentence based upon his rehabilitative efforts. I will construe defendant's letter as a motion to modify the sentence imposed on April 25, 2003.

Although defendant's efforts at rehabilitation are commendable, I have no authority to reduce his sentence. Once the sentencing court has imposed a sentence, the court 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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Dezel Jones's motion to modify his sentence is DENIED on the ground that the court lacks the authority to grant the relief requested.

Entered this 6th day of February, 2012.

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