

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER L. TEMPLE,

Defendant.

ORDER

03-cr-126-bbc

Defendant Christopher L. Temple has requested the termination of his period of supervised release or in the alternative, an amendment to the conditions of his supervised release. Both requests will be denied.

Defendant asserts that he has been compliant with all of the conditions of his release and that he has worked well with his supervising probation officer. He acknowledges, however, that although he was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$1,019,579.00 at the time of his sentencing on July 21, 2004, he has paid only \$1,300 toward that obligation. He explains this by saying that he has been unable to find any work other than stop gap jobs and that he has “been hindered in making money” by the condition imposed on him that any financial newsletter or other publication he issues must include notice of his convictions. He believes he could make large sums of money if he were allowed to publish his newsletter without having to state in it that he has prior convictions.

Defendant does not say what efforts he has made to earn money in other ways. From the small amount of restitution he has made, it appears that his efforts have been minimal.

It is true that in the past, defendant has made large sums of money by publishing a newsletter. Unfortunately for the public, he did so not by the sales of the newsletter but by retaining for his own use money sent to him for investment by readers of his newsletter, who were impressed with his investment advice. They entrusted their savings to him, not knowing that he had no intention of investing the money for their benefit. Instead, he used the investment money for personal luxuries for himself and his family, while paying the investors “dividends” and “interest” out of money he received from new investors.

In light of defendant’s background, it is critical that he divulge his past conviction in his newsletter so that prospective investors are warned in advance of the risk of entrusting funds to him. Defendant sets out nothing in his letter to the court to suggest that he would not continue to pose a risk if the disclosure condition were removed. To the contrary, his failure to seek and obtain legitimate work while on supervised release underscores his unwillingness to abandon his criminal thinking.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Christopher L. Templeton’s request for early termination from his supervised release or alternatively for relief from the condition of his release that any newsletter or articles he writes contain a notification of his conviction is

DENIED.

Entered this 5th day of March, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge