

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

07-cr-39-bbc

v.

SHAWN CLARKE,

Defendant.

Defendant Shawn Clarke has written to the court asking for a copy of his plea and sentencing transcripts. He states that he wishes to use the transcripts to pursue a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. I construe the motion as a request for preparation of the transcripts at government expense, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §753(f), which provides in relevant part:

Fees for transcripts furnished in proceedings brought under section 2255 of this title to persons permitted to sue or appeal in forma pauperis shall be paid by the United States . . . if the trial judge or a circuit judge certifies that the suit or appeal is not frivolous and that the transcript is needed to decide the issue presented by the suit or appeal.

Defendant has not said what aspect of his conviction he wishes to challenge or explained how the transcripts are necessary to decide the issue. Without this information,

I cannot certify either that his motion would not be frivolous or that the transcripts are necessary. Therefore, his request for preparation of the transcripts at government expense will be denied without prejudice.

If defendant wishes, he may obtain a copy of the transcripts at his own expense by writing directly to the Court Reporters Office, United States District Court, 120 N. Henry Street, Madison, WI, 53703, (608) 255-3821.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Shawn Clarke's motion for preparation of transcripts at government expense pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §753(f) is DENIED without prejudice.

Entered this 10th day of February, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge