

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

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER BELL,

Defendant.  
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ORDER

09-cr-19-bbc

Defendant Christopher Bell has filed a motion for appointment of counsel to assist him in preparing a motion for post conviction relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Defendant was sentenced on November 20, 2009. He appealed his sentence to the court of appeals, which affirmed it on October 20, 2010. He then filed a petition for writ of certiorari, which was denied on April 18, 2011. Therefore, defendant has one year from April 18, 2011 in which to file his § 2255 motion.

Defendant understands that he has no right to a lawyer. It is within my discretion to appoint one for him, but as a general rule, I do not appoint counsel on post conviction motions until and unless the defendant has brought a motion that requires an evidentiary hearing. Defendant is a long way from that point. He has not filed a motion. In his motion

to appoint counsel, he states only that his trial counsel, sentencing counsel and appellate counsel were ineffective but he does not specifically say how they were ineffective. Accordingly, his motion for appointment of counsel will be denied.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that defendant Christopher Bell's motion for appointment of counsel is DENIED without prejudice.

Entered this 9th day of June, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge