

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: FIRST STEP ACT OF 2018 (Dec. 21, 2018), APPLICATION OF FAIR SENTENCING ACT.

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STANDING ORDER 19-2

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, Title 18, U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(1) and (c), the Court hereby appoints the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Alabama to represent any defendant previously determined to have been entitled to appointment of counsel, or who was previously represented by retained counsel and is presently indigent, to determine whether that defendant may qualify to seek a reduction of sentence, and to present any motions or applications for reduction of sentence in accordance with Section 404 of the First Step Act of 2018.

The Court authorizes the United States Probation Office for the Northern District of Alabama and the United States District Court Clerk's Office for the Northern District of Alabama to disclose Presentence Investigation Reports, Judgments in a Criminal Case, and Statements of Reasons to the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the purpose of determining eligibility for relief, and for determining whether a conflict of interest precludes the Federal Public Defender from representing a client. In accordance with Federal Bureau of Prisons policy, no Presentence Investigation Reports or Statements of Reasons will be provided to inmates.

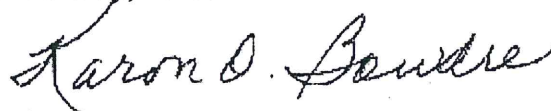
The Probation Office shall provide the Office of the Federal Public Defender a list of individuals it believes may be eligible for reduction of sentence in accordance with Section 404 of the First Step Act of 2018.

The Court shall also promptly notify the Federal Public Defender of all pending and newly-filed *pro se* motions seeking relief under Section 404 of the First Step Act for retroactive application of the Fair Sentencing Act.

For purposes of determining whether to file, or filing, a motion on behalf of any defendant in a closed criminal case seeking relief under Section 404 of the First Step Act for reduction of sentence, the Court authorizes the U.S. Probation Office and the Clerk of Court without further order to provide to the Office of the Federal Public Defender any records from the court file, including the Presentence Report, Statement of Reasons, criminal history records, and any sealed documents, with the exception that this order does not authorize disclosure of the sentencing recommendation.

If the sentencing Judge in the original proceeding is no longer a member of the Bench of this District, the Clerk of Court will reassign the case on a random basis.

DONE and ORDERED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.



**KARON OWEN BOWDRE**  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE