

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT**

IN RE:
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER

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**GENERAL ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL TO
REPRESENT INMATES SEEKING COMPASSIONATE RELEASE**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(1), and (c), the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the District of Connecticut is hereby appointed to represent any then-unrepresented defendant previously determined to have been entitled to appointment of counsel, or who was previously represented by retained counsel and is presently indigent, for purposes of issues relating to requests for early release. The Federal Public Defender, in consultation with the client, shall determine whether to present, and if appropriate shall present, any motion for modification of an imposed term of imprisonment for extraordinary and compelling reasons (“compassionate release” motion), in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i), in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should the Federal Public Defender determine that it cannot represent a prospective client due to conflict or capacity, the Clerk of the Court is authorized to appoint a member of the Criminal Justice Panel of this District.

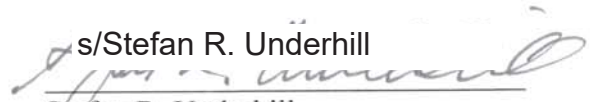
The Court shall promptly notify the Federal Public Defender of all pending pro se motions seeking compassionate release so that the Federal Public Defender can assume representation in a timely fashion. If the Federal Public Defender or the United States Probation Office receives directly or otherwise becomes aware of any such pending motions, that office shall so advise the Court. The Court also will promptly notify the Federal Public Defender when any new compassionate release motion is filed by an inmate pro se.

For purposes of determining whether to file, or filing, a motion on behalf of any defendant in a closed criminal case seeking compassionate release, the U.S. Probation Office and the Clerk of the Court are authorized without further order to provide to the Office of the Federal Public Defender the Presentence Report, Statement of Reasons, and the Judgment and Commitment Order, with the exception that this order does not authorize disclosure of the sentencing recommendation. The U.S. Probation Office and the Clerk of the Court are authorized to disclose the same documents to the U.S. Attorney's Office or to appointed or retained counsel. In accordance with Federal Bureau of Prisons policy, no Presentence Investigation Reports or Statements of Reasons will be provided to inmates.

In the event that the sentencing Judge in the original proceeding is no longer serving as a District Judge, the case shall be reassigned on a random basis.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: April 7, 2020


s/Stefan R. Underhill
Stefan R. Underhill
Chief United States District Judge