

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
MARTINSBURG**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

**CRIMINAL ACTION NO.: 3:06-CR-22-1
(GROH)**

DONALD T. WASHINGTON,

Defendant.

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE
AND MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Pending before this Court is the defendant's *pro se* Motion for Modification or Reduction of Sentence Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c) and Motion for Appointment of Counsel. ECF 99.

In his motion for a sentence reduction, the defendant seeks the benefit of a 2014 revision of the Drug Quantity Table of § 2D1.1 provided by Sentencing Guidelines Amendment 782. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) provides that a "court may not modify a term of imprisonment once it has been imposed except that . . . in the case of a defendant who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment based upon a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o), upon motion of the defendant or the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, or on its own motion, the court may reduce the term of imprisonment, after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a) to the extent they are applicable, if such a reduction is consistent with the applicable policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission."

In considering reductions under § 3582(c)(2), neither the appointment of counsel nor a hearing is required. See United States v. Dunphy, 551 F.3d 247 (4th Cir.), cert. denied, 129 S. Ct. 2401 (2009); Fed. R. Crim. P. 43(b)(4) (stating that a defendant's presence is not required in a proceeding involving the reduction of sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)). Accordingly, the Court will deny the motion for appointment of counsel.

“In determining the amended guideline range, this court will only make changes to the corresponding guideline provision, which is affected by Amendment [782], and all other guideline decisions will remain unaffected.” United States v. Gilliam, 513 F. Supp. 2d 594, 597 (W.D. Va. 2007) (citing USSG § 1B1.10); see also Dillon v. United States, 560 U.S. 817, 826 (2010) (“Section 3582(c)(2)’s text, together with its narrow scope, shows that Congress intended to authorize only a limited adjustment to an otherwise final sentence and not a plenary resentencing proceeding.”).

In this case, the original sentencing judge found a base offense level of 22, minus three levels for acceptance of responsibility. However, the Court found the defendant to be a career offender. Under U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1, the guidelines provide for a base offense level of 32, which, after the three-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility, resulted in a total offense level of 29. With a criminal history category of VI, the guidelines provided a sentencing range of 151-188 months. The Judge sentenced the defendant to a sentence of 156 months. Amendment 782 did not change the base offense level for a career offender. Accordingly, the Court will not reduce the defendant's sentence.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court **DENIES** the Motion for Modification or Reduction of Sentence and Motion for Appointment of Counsel.

The Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Order to all counsel of record

herein and the USPO and to mail a copy to the defendant.

DATED: April 7, 2015

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Groh", written over a horizontal line.

GINA M. GROH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE