IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
v.
COREY CORNELIUS,
Defendant.

Criminal Action

No. 07-10142-04-JTM

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the court on defendant Corey Cornelius' motion to appoint additional counsel (Dkt. No. 154). For the reasons stated below, this court grants the motion.

Mr. Cornelius was indicted on September 13, 2007, with multiple counts of criminal activity, including the premeditated murder of Umanah Smith, a crime punishable by death. Mr. Cornelius' current counsel, Mr. Carl Maughan, has not yet tried a capital case to a jury. Accordingly, Mr. Maughan met with this court, ex parte, to specifically request that it grant the motion currently before the court. The government did not object to this meeting, and during that time, Mr. Maughan identified Mr. James T. Rowan of Rowan, Ashbaker & McKay, P.C., as an attorney with death penalty experience. Pursuant to the Guide to Judiciary Policies & Procedures, Volume 7, Chapter 2, Rule 2.11(B), this court finds it in the interest of justice to appoint an additional attorney to this extremely difficult case, which has been declared complex. As such, Mr. Rowan is hereby appointed as co-counsel in the representation of Mr. Cornelius.

Mr. Rowan's contact information is as follows:

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IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED this 13th day of December, 2007, that defendant

Cornelius' motion to appoint additional counsel (Dkt. No. 154) is granted.

s/ J. Thomas Marten J. THOMAS MARTEN, JUDGE