UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA Miami Division

Case Number:08-21610-CIV-MARTINEZ-WHITE

CLARENCE A. BROWN,

Petitioner

VS.

CLAUDE CHESTER, WARDEN,

Respondent.



ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT RECOMMENDING TRANSFER OF VENUE

This matter was referred to the Honorable Patrick A. White, United States Magistrate

Judge for preliminary screening of Clarence A. Brown's *pro se* petition for writ of habeas corpus
and a report and recommendation on any dispositive issues. (**D.E. No. 2**). Mr. Brown was
convicted of various drug charges in the Southern District of Florida after he entered a guilty plea
in case no. 07-20451-cr-Cooke, but he is currently confined at the Federal Penitentiary in

Leavenworth, Kansas. He has filed for a petition for writ of habeas corpus to challenge the
lawfulness of the Bureau of Prisons' ("BOP") early release policy pursuant to title 28, United

States Code, Section 2241. More specifically, he argues that the BOP applies the early release
policy in a selective and discriminatory manner by only granting early release to inmates who
received enhancements for possession of a firearm and are housed in institutions within the Ninth
Circuit. (D.E. No. 1 at 12).

On June 27, 2008, the Magistrate Judge filed a Report which recommended that this action be transferred to the Judicial District of Kansas where Mr. Brown is confined. The

Magistrate Judge notes that transfer is appropriate here because section 2241 habeas petitions can only be brought in the district court for the district where the inmate is confined. (*Id.* at 2) (citing *Fernandez v. United States*, 941 F.2d 1488, 1495 (11th Cir. 1991) and *Hajduk v. United States*, 764 F.2d 795 (11th Cir. 1985)).

Although the Magistrate Judge advised the Petitioner that he could file objections to the report within 10 days of receiving a copy, the Petitioner has declined to file any objections. After reviewing the Magistrate Judge's Report and the entire record in this case, the Court finds that the Magistrate Judge's recommendation is well reasoned and accurately states the applicable law. Therefore, it is:

ADJUDGED that United States Magistrate Judge 's Report Recommending Transfer of Venue (D.E. No. 3) is AFFIRMED and ADOPTED. Accordingly, it is

ADJUDGED that

- The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to transfer this case to the Judicial District of Kansas.
 - 2. This case is CLOSED and all pending motions are DENIED as moot.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 24th day of July, 2008.

JOSE E. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICY JUDGE

Copies provided to:

- Magistrate Judge White
- Clarence Brown, Pro se Reg #79547-004
 FPC-Leavenworth, Kansas
- Lucy Lara, Case Assignment Adm.
- All Counsel of Record

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