



pendency of a direct appeal, a collateral challenge to the conviction if extraordinary circumstances warrant it”); see also United States v. Williams, 1997 U.S. App. LEXIS 6402 (4th Cir. 1997); United States v. Barnes, 1995 U.S. App. LEXIS 32031 (4th Cir. 1995).

The petitioner has not argued that the instant case exhibits any extraordinary circumstances. The court finds that this case does not fall within the narrow exception to the general rule that collateral relief is not appropriate if a case is still pending on direct appeal. Therefore, the court must file and dismiss petitioner’s motion without prejudice. An appropriate order will be entered this day.

ENTER: This 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE