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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

United States of America,)	No. CV 12-1515-PHX-GMS (BSB)
Plaintiff,)	No. CR 12-0696-PHX-GMS
v.)	ORDER
Manuel Dominguez-Barajas,)	
Defendant/Movant.)	

Movant Manuel Dominguez-Barajas, who is confined in the Central Arizona Detention Center in Florence, Arizona, has filed a *pro se* “Defendant’s Motion Requesting Reduction of Sentence Based on ‘Racial and Ethnic Motivation’ Pursuant to U.S.S.G. §§ 5K2.0 and 5H1.10” (“Motion for Reduction”).

I. Motion for Reduction

Once a judgment of sentence has been entered, the district court lacks jurisdiction to review it except in narrow circumstances. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c); United States v. Penna, 319 F.3d 509, 511 (9th Cir. 2003). Because those narrow exceptions do not apply here, the Court cannot construe the Motion for Reduction as a § 3582 motion.

The only other basis for relief from a final criminal judgment is a collateral attack pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Although Movant has not sought relief under § 2255, the Court, in its discretion, will construe the Motion for Reduction as a motion brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

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1 **II. Notification to Movant**

2 When a district court re-characterizes a *pro se* litigant’s motion as a motion to vacate
3 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255, the court must “notify the *pro se* litigant that it intends to re-
4 characterize the pleading, warn the litigant that this re-characterization means that any
5 subsequent § 2255 motion will be subject to the restrictions on ‘second and successive’
6 motions, and provide the litigant an opportunity to withdraw the motion or to amend it so that
7 it contains all the § 2255 claims he believes he has.” Castro v. United States, 540 U.S. 375,
8 383 (2003).

9 Movant is therefore notified that the Court intends to construe his Motion for
10 Reduction as a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Movant is granted 30 days from the
11 filing date of this Order to file **either** (a) a notice withdrawing his Motion for Reduction, **or**
12 (b) an amended “Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct a Sentence by a Person in Federal
13 Custody (Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255),” in compliance with the instructions below.

14 If Movant fails to file **either** a notice withdrawing his Motion for Reduction **or** an
15 amended motion within 30 days from the date of filing of this Order, the Court will deny the
16 Motion for Reduction and will dismiss this civil action without further notice to Movant.

17 If Movant files an amended motion, he should note that the Rules Governing Section
18 2255 Proceedings for the United States District Courts allow the Court, by local rule, to
19 prescribe a form to be used for filing a § 2255 motion. See Rule 2(c), Rules Governing
20 Section 2255 Proceedings, foll. 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Under this Court’s local rule, Movant
21 must use the court-approved form when filing a *pro se* motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.
22 See LRCiv 3.5(a). The Clerk of Court will mail Movant a court-approved form to use for
23 filing an amended motion.

24 If Movant files an amended motion, he must submit it on the court-approved form and
25 must sign it under penalty of perjury. If Movant fails to use the court-approved form, the
26 Court may strike the amended motion and dismiss this civil action without further notice to
27 Movant.

28 Movant must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is an “Amended

1 Motion.” The amended motion must be retyped or rewritten in its entirety on a court-
2 approved form and may not incorporate any part of the original Motion for Reduction by
3 reference. Movant must describe each ground for relief and the facts supporting each
4 ground.

5 An amended motion supersedes the original Motion for Reduction. See Ferdik v.
6 Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co.,
7 896 F.2d 1542, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat the Motion for
8 Reduction as nonexistent. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any ground for relief that was raised
9 in the Motion for Reduction is waived if it is not raised in an amended motion. See King v.
10 Atiyeh, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

11 If Movant files an amended motion, it should include every ground for relief that
12 Movant wishes to raise. If the Court adjudicates the merits of an amended motion, any
13 subsequent motion for § 2255 relief will be treated as “[a] second or successive motion,”
14 which requires certification by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals pursuant to 28
15 U.S.C. § 2244 before it is filed. 28 U.S.C. § 2255(h); Rule 9, Rules Governing § 2255
16 Proceedings.

17 **III. Warnings**

18 **A. Address Changes**

19 Movant must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule
20 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Movant must not include a motion for other
21 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this
22 § 2255 action.

23 **B. Copies**

24 Movant must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. See
25 LRCiv 5.4. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the filing being stricken
26 without further notice to Movant.

27 **C. Possible Dismissal**

28 If Movant fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these

1 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at
2 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the
3 Court).

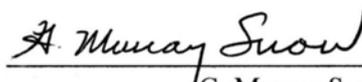
4 **IT IS ORDERED:**

5 (1) Within **30 days** from the filing date of this Order, Movant must file **either** (a) a
6 notice withdrawing his Motion for Reduction (Doc. 1 in CV12-1515-PHX-GMS (BSB)), **or**
7 (b) an amended “Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct a Sentence by a Person in Federal
8 Custody (Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255),” on the court-approved form.

9 (2) **If** Movant fails to file **either** a notice of withdrawal **or** an amended motion
10 within 30 days, the Motion for Reduction is **denied** (Doc. 23 in CR12-0606-PHX-GMS) and
11 the Clerk of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of the civil
12 action (CV12-1515-PHX-GMS (BSB)) opened in connection with the Motion for Reduction,
13 without prejudice.

14 (3) The Clerk of Court must mail Movant a court-approved form for filing a
15 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence By a Person in Federal Custody (28 U.S.C.
16 § 2255).

17 DATED this 16th day of August, 2012.

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G. Murray Snow
United States District Judge

**Instructions for Filing a Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct a Sentence
by a Person in Federal Custody (Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255)
in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona**

1. Who May Use This Form. To use this form, you must be a person who is serving a sentence under a judgment against you in a federal court. You also may use this form to challenge a federal judgment that imposed a sentence to be served in the future. You are asking for relief from the conviction or the sentence. This form is your motion for relief. In this motion, you may challenge only one judgment. If you want to challenge more than one judgment, you must file a separate motion for each judgment. **This form should not be used in death penalty cases.** If you were sentenced to death, you are entitled to the assistance of counsel and you should request the appointment of counsel.

2. The Form. **Local Rule of Civil Procedure (LRCiv) 3.5(a) requires that motions to vacate must be filed on the court-approved form.** The form must be typed or neatly handwritten. All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the appropriate space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages. The form, however, must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. You do not need to cite law. If you want to file a brief or arguments, you must attach a separate memorandum.

3. Your Signature. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.

4. No Filing Fee. No fee is required with this motion.

5. Original and Judge's Copy. You must send an **original and one copy** of your motion and of any other document submitted to the Court. You must send one additional copy to the Court if you wish to have a file-stamped copy of the document returned to you. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.

6. Where to File. You must file the form in the United States District Court that entered the judgment that you are challenging. When you have completed the form, mail the **original and one copy** to the Clerk of the United States District Court at the division where you were sentenced:

Phoenix & Prescott Divisions:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 130
401 West Washington Street, SPC 10
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2119

OR

Tucson Division:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 1500
405 West Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701-5010

7. Change of Address. You must immediately notify the Court and respondents in writing of any change in your mailing address. **Failure to notify the Court of any change in your mailing address may result in the dismissal of your case.**

8. Certificate of Service. You must provide the respondent with a copy of any document you submit to the Court (except the initial motion to vacate). Each original document (except the initial motion to vacate) must include a certificate of service on the last page of the document stating the date a copy of the document was mailed to the respondent and the address to which it was mailed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a), (d). Any document received by the Court that does not include a certificate of service may be stricken. A certificate of service should be in the following form:

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed
this _____ (month, day, year) to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Attorney for Respondent

(Signature)

9. Amended Motion to Vacate. If you need to change any of the information in the initial motion to vacate, you must file an amended motion. The amended motion must be written on the court-approved motion to vacate form. You may file one amended motion without leave (permission) of Court before the respondent has answered your original motion to vacate. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). After the respondent has filed an answer, you must file a motion for leave to amend and lodge (submit) a proposed amended motion to vacate. LRCiv 15.1. An amended motion may not incorporate by reference any part of your prior motion. LRCiv 15.1(a)(2). Any grounds not included in the amended motion to vacate are considered dismissed.

10. Letters and Motions. It is generally inappropriate to write a letter to any judge or the staff of any judge. The only appropriate way to communicate with the Court is by filing a written pleading or motion.

11. Grounds for Relief. You must raise all grounds for relief that relate to this conviction or sentence. Any grounds not raised in this motion will likely be barred from being raised at a later date.

FINAL NOTE

You should follow these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may result in your motion being stricken or dismissed by the Court. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the motion is being continued and number all pages.

5. Length of sentence for each count or crime for which you were convicted in this case: _____

6. (a) What was your plea?
- Not guilty
 - Guilty
 - Nolo contendere (no contest)

(b) If you entered a guilty plea to one count or charge, and a not guilty plea to another count or charge, give details: _____

(c) If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have? (Check one) Jury Judge only

7. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes No

If yes, answer the following:

(a) Date you filed: _____

(b) Docket or case number: _____

(c) Result: _____

(d) Date of result: _____

(e) Grounds raised: _____

Attach, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

8. Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes No

If yes, answer the following:

(a) Date you filed: _____

(b) Docket or case number: _____

(c) Result: _____

(d) Date of result: _____

(e) Grounds raised: _____

Attach, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

9. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you filed any other petitions, applications or motions concerning this judgment of conviction in any court? Yes No

If yes, answer the following:

(a) First petition, application or motion.

(1) Date you filed: _____

(2) Name of court: _____

(3) Nature of the proceeding: _____

(4) Docket or case number: _____

(5) Result: _____

(6) Date of result: _____

(7) Grounds raised: _____

Attach, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(b) Second petition, application or motion.

(1) Date you filed: _____

- (2) Name of court: _____
- (3) Nature of the proceeding: _____
- (4) Docket or case number: _____
- (5) Result: _____
- (6) Date of result: _____
- (7) Grounds raised: _____

Attach, if available, a copy of any brief filed on your behalf and a copy of the decision by the court.

(c) Did you appeal the action taken on your petition, application or motion?

- (1) First petition: Yes No
- (2) Second petition: Yes No

(d) If you did not appeal from the action your petition, application or motion, explain why you did not:

12. For this motion, beginning on the next page, **state every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.** Attach additional pages if you have more than four grounds. State the facts supporting each ground.

CAUTION: If you fail to set forth all the grounds in this motion, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

Please answer these additional questions about this motion:

13. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes No

If yes, give the date of filing, the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised: _____

14. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment you are challenging? Yes No

If yes, answer the following:

(a) Name and location of the court that imposed the sentence to be served in the future: _____

(b) Date the sentence was imposed: _____

(c) Length of the sentence: _____

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future? Yes No

15. **TIMELINESS OF MOTION:** If your judgment of conviction challenged in this motion became final more than one year ago, you must explain why the one-year statute of limitations in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 does not bar your motion.* _____

*Section 2255 provides in part that:

A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to a motion under this section. The limitation period shall run from the latest of —

- (1) the date on which the judgment of conviction becomes final;

- (2) the date on which the impediment to making a motion created by governmental action in violation of the Constitution or laws of the United States is removed, if the movant was prevented from making such a motion by such governmental action;
- (3) the date on which the right asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if that right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; or
- (4) the date on which the facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

16. Movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: _____

or any other relief to which Movant may be entitled. (Money damages are not available in § 2255 cases.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on _____ (month, day, year).

Signature of Movant

Signature of attorney, if any

Date