NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Eddie Lee Hatch,

United States of America,

Petitioner,

Respondent.

v.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

No. CV-16-02041-PHX-JJT (MHB)

CR 02-01016-PHX-JJT

ORDER

At issue is the Report and Recommendation ("R&R") delivered in this matter by United States Magistrate Judge Michelle Burns (Doc. 11), recommending that the Court grant Respondent United States of America's motion to stay this matter until the Supreme Court of the United States renders a decision in the now-pending matter of *Beckles v. United States*, No. 15-8544, -- U.S. --, 136 S. Ct. 2510, 2016 WL 1029080 (*cert.* granted June 27, 2016). Petitioner Eddie Lee Hatch has filed an Objection to the R&R (Doc. 12) and Respondent has filed a Response to that Objection (Doc. 13), both of which the Court has now considered with the R&R.

The Court adopts in whole Judge Burns's reasoning in the R&R for granting the stay. Issuance of the stay pending resolution of a matter that is before the Supreme Court during the present term will not injure Petitioner, substantially or otherwise, because the portion of his sentence for which he does not seek resentencing – the 87 month sentence for the new bank robbery offense – will not nearly have elapsed by the time the Supreme Court has provided any necessary guidance in its resolution of *Beckles*. The Court

therefore will follow the R&R insofar as it recommends the granting of Respondent's Motion for Stay (Doc. 6).

Petitioner points out, and Respondent agrees, that Respondent sought an extension of only 14 days after issuance of the Supreme Court's decision in *Beckles* to file its Response to the Petition in this matter. The Court therefore will not follow the R&R insofar as it recommends granting Respondent 30 days after the decision in *Beckles* issues to file its Response, and will allow only 14 days.

IT IS ORDERED adopting in part, as set forth above, the R&R and its reasoning.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED granting Respondent's Motion to Stay (Doc. 6) and staying this matter until the Supreme Court of the United States issues its decision in *Beckles v. United States*, No. 15-8544. If the Supreme Court renders no decision in *Beckles* during the term, either party may move to lift the stay.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's Response/Opposition to Petitioner's 2255 Petition shall be due no later than 14 days after issuance of the decision in *Beckles*.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2016.

Honorable John J. Tuchi United States District Judge

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