

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**JACKIE L. RIDDLE  
Reg # 17056-045**

**PETITIONER**

**VS.**

**NO. 2:08-CV-00081-SWW-BD**

**T.C. OUTLAW, Warden,  
Federal Correctional Complex,  
Forrest City, Arkansas**

**RESPONDENT**

**RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION**

**I. Procedure for Filing Objections**

The following recommended disposition has been sent to United States District Judge Susan Webber Wright. Any party may file written objections to this recommendation. Objections should be specific and should include the factual or legal basis for the objection. If the objection is to a factual finding, specifically identify that finding and the evidence that supports your objection. An original and one copy of your objections must be received in the office of the United States District Court Clerk no later than fourteen (14) days from the date you receive the Recommended Disposition. A copy will be furnished to the opposing party. Failure to file timely objections may result in waiver of the right to appeal questions of fact.

Mail your objections and “Statement of Necessity” to:

Clerk, United States District Court  
Eastern District of Arkansas  
600 West Capitol Avenue, Suite A149  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3325

## **II. Background and Discussion**

Petitioner is serving an eighty-four month sentence in the Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”) after pleading guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute in excess of fifty grams of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(a), 841(b)(1)(B), and 846, and criminal forfeiture in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 853. (Docket entry #2 at p. 13) On May 8, 2008, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (#2), claiming that under 18 U.S.C. § 3621(e), he is eligible for a reduction in his sentence because he successfully completed a residential drug abuse program. (#2 at p. 4)

On July 7, 2008, the Court entered an order (#13) granting Petitioner’s motion to stay his petition pending a decision by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Gatewood v. Outlaw*, 560 F.3d 843 (8th Cir. 2009). On March 26, 2009, the Eighth Circuit affirmed the District Court’s dismissal of the *Gatewood* habeas petition. *Id.* In that case, the Court rejected the Ninth Circuit’s analysis in *Arrington v. Daniles*, 516 F.3d 1106 (9th Cir. 2008) and held that the BOP’s regulations, which disqualify prisoners whose offense involves firearms from early release after successful completion of a residential drug abuse program, do not violate the Administrative Procedures Act.

Petitioner has now moved to lift the stay and reopen his case after the United States Supreme Court denied *certiorari* and denied a petition for rehearing in *Gatewood*. (#16) See *Gatewood v. T.C. Outlaw*, 560 F.3d 843, *cert. denied*, 130 S.Ct. 490 (2009), *petition for rehearing denied*, 2010 WL 58841 (Jan. 11, 2010). The District Court granted the motion to reopen the case and referred the case to this Court for recommended disposition. (#17)

In his motion to lift the stay, Petitioner again asks the Court to grant him eligibility for early release based upon his completion of the residential drug abuse program. He acknowledges that the *Gatewood* decision is dispositive but claims the Eighth Circuit erred in rejecting the Ninth Circuit's analysis in *Arrington*.

Petitioner pled guilty to offenses under 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(B), and 846, and at sentencing the Court enhanced Petitioner's sentence for possession of a firearm during the offense. Accordingly, under 28 C.F.R. § 550.55(b)(5)(ii) and BOP Program Statement 5162.05,<sup>1</sup> Petitioner is ineligible for a reduction in his sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3621(e). *Id.* at 849.

### **III. Conclusion**

Based on the Eighth Circuit's ruling in *Gatewood*, the Court recommends that the District Court dismiss the petition with prejudice.

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<sup>1</sup>Title 28 C.F.R. § 550.55 became effective on March 16, 2009. On the same day, the Bureau of Prisons issued Program Statement 5162.05 and rescinded Program Statement 5162.04.

DATED this 20th day of January, 2010.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. ...", positioned above a horizontal line.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE