UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA OCALA DIVISION

CASTER DELANEY WHETSTONE,

Petitioner,

v. Case No: 5:21-cv-289-WFJ-PRL

WARDEN, FCC COLEMAN – LOW,

Respondent.	

ORDER DISMISSING CASE

Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, initiated this case by filing a Petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. (Doc. 1). Petitioner challenges his conviction claiming he was "denied his right to effective assistance of counsel during these proceedings." *Id.* at 7.

Rule 12(h)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that "[i]f the court determines at any time that it lacks subject matter jurisdiction, the court must dismiss the action." *See also* Rule 12, Rules Governing Section 2255 proceedings. The Eleventh Circuit, sitting *en banc*, overruled prior precedent and held that 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is not available to challenge the validity of a sentence except on very narrow grounds not present in this case. *McCarthan v. Director of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc.*, 851 F.3d 1076, 1079 (11th Cir. 2017) (en banc) (quoting 28 U.S.C. § 2255(e));

Bernard v. FCC Coleman Warden, 686 F. App'x 730 (11th Cir. 2017) (citing McCarthan,

851 F.3d at 1092-93).

Thus, pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings

for the United States District Courts (directing sua sponte dismissal if the petition and

records show that the moving party is not entitled to relief), this case is **DISMISSED**.

See also 28 U.S.C. § 2255(b). The Clerk is directed to enter judgment dismissing this

case without prejudice, terminate any pending motions, and close the file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tampa, Florida, on July 19, 2021.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies to: Pro Se Petitioner

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