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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

VICENTE GARCIA,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	No. 16 CV 859
v.	)	
	)	Hon. Charles R. Norgle
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**OPINION AND ORDER**

Before the Court is Petitioner Vicente Garcia’s Motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence by a Person in Federal Custody. For the following reasons, the motion is denied.

**I. BACKGROUND**

This § 2255 petition comes after an “extensive criminal prosecution aris[ing] out of the operations of the Latin Kings street gang in Chicago from 2000-2008.” United States v. Garcia, 754 F.3d 460, 465 (7th Cir. 2014). Vicente Garcia (“Petitioner”) was one of fifteen high-ranking gang leaders indicted for violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (“RICO”) statute and a host of other crimes. Specifically, Petitioner was charged by superseding indictment with: (1) participating in a RICO conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d); (2) conspiring to commit extortion in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951; (3) committing assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1959(a)(3); (4) using and carrying a firearm in connection with a crime of violence in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c); (5) conspiring to distribute cocaine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846; and (6) possession with the intent to distribute cocaine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). These charges were in