

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

MYLES E. CURTIS,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	No. 4:14-CV-1126-SNLJ
	)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on review of Myles E. Curtis' application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. Petitioner is currently incarcerated at FCI-Memphis, Tennessee.

**Background**

Petitioner states that, following a jury trial, he was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. On May 10, 1991, he was sentenced to a term of forty years' imprisonment. The conviction and sentence were affirmed on appeal. In the instant action, petitioner seeks relief from his sentence on the ground that "the District Court violated his due process rights . . . when it sentenced him to an enhanced term of imprisonment based on elements of his offense that were not submitted to nor found by the jury." See *Alleyne v. United States*, 133 S.Ct. 2151 (2013). For

relief, petitioner seeks resentencing.

### **Discussion**

Petitioner's request for relief pursuant to § 2241 will be denied. First, this Court does not have jurisdiction to entertain the instant action, because petitioner is not located in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri's judicial district, and the person having custody over him, the warden at FCI-Memphis, cannot be reached by service of process. See *Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Ct. of Kentucky*, 410 U.S. 484, 495 (1972).

Second, even if petitioner or his custodian were located in this district, petitioner's § 2241 application would be denied. A challenge to a federal conviction or sentence is most appropriately brought as a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. See *United States v. Hayman*, 342 U.S. 205, 217 (1952). Moreover, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit has held that a writ of habeas corpus may issue under § 2241 only if it appears that the remedy by means of filing a § 2255 motion is inadequate or ineffective. See *United States v. Lurie*, 207 F.3d 1075, 1077 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000). In the instant action, petitioner summarily claims that his remedy under § 2255 is inadequate. Specifically, he states, "Petitioner further argues that § 2241 is the appropriate remedy for him to seek relief due to § 2255 being inadequate to bring the claim" [Doc. #1-1, p. 3]. The Court finds that

petitioner's summary statement is insufficient to establish the inadequacy or ineffectiveness of remedy by a § 2255 motion.

In addition, the Court notes that petitioner previously brought a § 2255 motion to vacate that was dismissed as time-barred. See *Curtis v. United States*, No. 1:01-CV-107-SNL (E.D. Mo.). It may be that petitioner styled the instant action as a § 2241 petition in an effort to avoid characterization as a successive § 2255 motion; however, a § 2255 motion is not inadequate simply because it is successive.<sup>1</sup> See *Triestman v. United States*, 124 F.3d 361, 376 (2d Cir. 1997) (the "inadequate or ineffective" provision in § 2255 does not mean that habeas corpus is preserved whenever a federal prisoner faces a substantive or procedural barrier to § 2255 relief).

For these reasons, the Court will dismiss the instant § 2241 petition.

In accordance with the foregoing,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is **DENIED**, without prejudice.

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<sup>1</sup> As amended by the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2255 now provides that a "second or successive motion must be certified . . . by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals" to contain certain information. Title 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A) provides that "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application."

A separate Order of Dismissal will accompany this Memorandum and Order.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

  

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**