

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

MILTON DOWELL,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
v.	)	Civil Action
	)	No. 09-3247-CV-S-RED-H
MARTY C. ANDERSON, Warden,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner, an inmate confined in the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, petitions this Court for a writ of habeas corpus in which he challenges his conviction and sentence. The petition has been referred to the undersigned for preliminary review under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). Because this Court lacks jurisdiction of petitioner's claims, it will be recommended that he be denied leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

As grounds for relief in habeas corpus, petitioner alleges that he was convicted of a crime for which he was actually innocent. The record indicates that petitioner was convicted of drug related offenses in the Northern District of Illinois.

The law is clear that a petitioner who seeks to attack the validity of a federal sentence must do so in the sentencing court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 unless it appears that the motion is inadequate or ineffective to test the validity of the detention. *E.g., Winston v. Mustain*, 562 F.2d 565, 566 (8th Cir. 1977). A petitioner has the burden, moreover, of showing that the "inadequate or ineffective" test has been met. *Von Ludwitz v. Ralston*, 716 F.2d 528, 529 (8th Cir. 1983) (per curiam).

Regardless of petitioner's assertions in this case, the action is improperly filed under the

provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2241, and he has failed to establish that 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is inadequate or ineffective to test the validity of his sentence. Petitioner's conclusory claim of actual innocence is inadequate to bypass the gatekeeping requirements of § 2255 and proceed with a § 2241 habeas corpus petition via § 2255's savings clause. The issues he raises are cognizable, if at all, in the sentencing court, and it is clear that this Court lacks jurisdiction of petitioner's claims. Accordingly, it must be recommended that the petition be dismissed without prejudice.

For the foregoing reasons, it is, pursuant to the governing law and in accordance with Local Rule 72.1 of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri,

RECOMMENDED that petitioner be denied leave to proceed in forma pauperis and that the petition herein for writ of habeas corpus be dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ James C. England  
JAMES C. ENGLAND, CHIEF  
United States Magistrate

Date: 8/4/09