

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
3:16-cv-384-MOC  
(3:11-cr-80-MOC-DSC-1)**

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| <b>ZAVIER MARQUIS DAVIS,</b>     | ) |              |
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| <b>Petitioner,</b>               | ) |              |
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| <b>vs.</b>                       | ) | <b>ORDER</b> |
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| <b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b> | ) |              |
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| <b>Respondent.</b>               | ) |              |
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Government’s Notice of Petition for Certiorari and Motion to Hold in Abeyance, (Doc. No. 14).

Petitioner filed a Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 raising a challenge to his conviction for violating 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) pursuant to Johnson v. United States, 576 U.S. 591 (2015). (Doc. No. 1). The Court stayed this matter for several years pending developments in the case law. See (Doc. Nos. 5, 10). The case was most recently stayed pursuant to United States v. Taylor, 979 F.3d 203 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2020), in which the Fourth Circuit issued an amended decision on November 4, 2020. (Doc. No. 13).

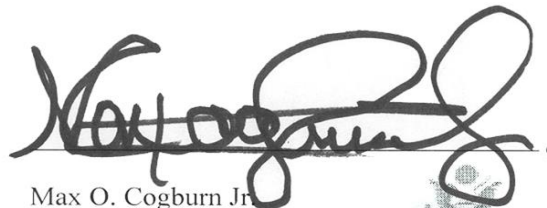
The Government now asks the Court to stay this case pending the United States Supreme Court’s consideration of a certiorari petition that was docketed on April 16, 2021 in United States v. Taylor, No. 20-1459. Counsel for Petitioner has not responded and the time to do so has expired.

The Court finds that a stay of these proceedings is in the interest of justice and judicial economy. The Government’s Motion will therefore be granted and this case will be stayed pending the Supreme Court’s resolution of Taylor on certiorari review.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that:

1. The Government's Notice of Petition for Certiorari and Motion to Hold in Abeyance, (Doc. No. 14), is **GRANTED**.
2. The Government shall file a Response within 30 days after the U.S. Supreme Court denies certiorari or issues its decision in United States v. Taylor, No. 20-1459.

Signed: June 1, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Max O. Cogburn Jr.", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Max O. Cogburn Jr.  
United States District Judge