UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

ARTHUR TYLER,) CASE NO. 1:08 CV 443
Petitioner,)
) JUDGE DAVID A. KATZ
v.)
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MARK C. HOUK, Warden	ORDER OF TRANSFER
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Respondent.)

On February 21, 2008, Petitioner, Arthur Tyler, filed a Notice of Intent to file a Habeas Corpus Petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (Doc. 1). Concurrently, he filed a Motion for Appointment of Counsel, (Doc. 3), and a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. (Doc. 2). For the reasons stated below, this action must be transferred to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

A second or successive petition under section 2254 may not be filed without leave from the appropriate court of appeals. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). As Petitioner concedes in his Motion for Appointment of Counsel, the petition he intends to file is a successor petition. (Doc. 3, at 1). The Court previously dismissed with prejudice Petitioner's initial petition on May 20, 2002, after a review on the merits. Tyler v. Anderson, Case No. 1:96 CV 1881 (N.D. Ohio May 20, 2002)(Doc. 167).

Accordingly, pursuant to <u>In re Sims</u>, 111 F.3d 45 (6th Cir. 1997), this action is hereby transferred to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

S/ David A. Katz DAVID A. KATZ U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE