

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| v. |) | CRIM. No. 2:10-CR-136-DBH-09 |
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| VERONICA BROWN, |) | |
| |) | |
| DEFENDANT |) | |

ORDER ON DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

The defendant Veronica Brown is serving an 84-month federal prison sentence imposed by this Court. She has filed a motion requesting appointment of counsel to provide assistance with “2 points of law that will soon take effect.” Letter from Veronica Brown dated August 18, 2014 (ECF No. 902). I assume that the issues relate to sentence reduction based upon the United States Sentencing Commission’s recent decision in Amendment 782 to make retroactive a reduction in penalties for drug-related sentences. Amendment to the Sentencing Guidelines July 18, 2014 http://www.ussc.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/amendment-process/reader-friendly-amendments/20140718_RF_Amendment782.pdf (last visited August 25, 2014).

Amendment 782 by its specific language, however, directs that any release based upon its terms can occur no earlier than November 1, 2015, some 15 months from now. *Id.* This District, like many others, will devise processes and procedures to review the cases of federal prisoners sentenced here who may be

covered by Amendment 782, and will appoint counsel as necessary. The defendant's motion is premature at this time and is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

SO ORDERED.

DATED THIS 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014

/s/ D. BROCK HORNBY _____
D. BROCK HORNBY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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