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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER TERM, 2018

Kirk Lurton Grummitt,
Jeremy Phelps,
Kurt Alan Campbell, and
Edward Lee Williams, - PETITIONERS,

vs.

United States of America - Respondent.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION

KIRK LURTON GRUMMITT,

Movant,

No. C16-0072-LRR
No. CR03-0058-LRR

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ORDER

This matter appears before the court on the movant's motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (civil docket no. 1), filed on May 6, 2016, and related filings (civil docket nos. 2-12), filed on various dates.

The court considered the record and the law, which includes but is not limited to the following: *Beckles v. United States*, __, U.S. __, __ S. Ct. __, 2017 WL 855781, at *6 (Mar. 6, 2017) (concluding that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not subject to a void for vagueness challenge under the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause and holding that “[t]he residual clause in [§4B1.2(a)(2)] therefore is not void for vagueness”); *United States v. Frady*, 456 U.S. 152, 165 (1982) (stating that “a collateral challenge may not do service for an appeal”); *United States v. Brown*, No. 16-7056, 2017 WL 3585073, at *3, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132848 (4th Cir. Aug. 21, 2017) (concluding that first § 2255 motion that sought to apply *Johnson* to the pre-*Booker* guidelines was outside the statute of limitation); *Raybon v. United States*, No. 16-2522, 2017 WL 3470389, at *2-3, 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 15029 (6th Cir. Aug. 14, 2017) (concluding that movant could not rely on the statute of limitation as set forth in § 2255(f)(3) because *Johnson* did not recognize a new “Constitutional right not to be sentenced as a career

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Therefore, the movant's motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (civil docket no. 1) is denied. The clerk's office is directed to deny as moot the movant's other pending motion(s). As for a certificate of appealability, the movant has not made the requisite showing. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). Accordingly, a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 will not issue.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 2017.



LINDA R. READE, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION

JEREMY PHELPS,

Movant,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

No. C16-0080-LRR
No. CR02-0010-LRR

ORDER

This matter appears before the court on the movant's motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (civil docket no. 1), filed on May 8, 2016, and related filings (civil docket nos. 2-9), filed on various dates.

The court considered the record and the law, which includes but is not limited to the following: *Beckles v. United States*, __, U.S. __, __ S. Ct. __, 2017 WL 855781, at *6 (Mar. 6, 2017) (concluding that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not subject to a void for vagueness challenge under the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause and holding that “[t]he residual clause in [§4B1.2(a)(2)] therefore is not void for vagueness”); *United States v. Frady*, 456 U.S. 152, 165 (1982) (stating that “a collateral challenge may not do service for an appeal”); *United States v. Brown*, No. 16-7056, 2017 WL 3585073, at *3, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132848 (4th Cir. Aug. 21, 2017) (concluding that first § 2255 motion that sought to apply *Johnson* to the pre-*Booker* guidelines was outside the statute of limitation); *Raybon v. United States*, No. 16-2522, 2017 WL 3470389, at *2-3, 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 15029 (6th Cir. Aug. 14, 2017) (concluding that movant could not rely on the statute of limitation as set forth in § 2255(f)(3) because *Johnson* did not recognize a new “Constitutional right not to be sentenced as a career

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 2017.



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GEORGE EDWARD WINDSOR,	

Petitioner,

vs.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

No. C16-4074-MWB

**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO
VACATE, SET ASIDE OR CORRECT
SENTENCES PURSUANT TO 28
U.S.C. § 2255**

Petitioners have each filed a motion to vacate their respective sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 in light of the Supreme Court's decisions in *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), and *Welch v. United States*, 136 S. Ct. 1257 (2016). In *Johnson*, the United States Supreme Court held that the residual clause of the Armed Career Criminal Act ("ACCA") defining "violent felony" was unconstitutionally vague. *See Johnson*, 135 S. Ct. at 2557. In *Welch*, 136 S. Ct. 1257 (2016), the United States Supreme Court made *Johnson's* holding retroactive to cases on collateral review. I have considered the record and the law, which includes, but is not limited to, the following: *Beckles v. United States*, ___, U.S. ___, ___ S. Ct. ___, 2017 WL 855781, at *6 (Mar. 6, 2017) (concluding that the United States Sentencing Guidelines are not subject to a void for vagueness challenge under the Fifth Amendment Due Process Clause and holding that "[t]he residual clause in [§4B1.2(a)(2)] therefore is not void for vagueness"); *United States v. Frady*, 456 U.S. 152, 165 (1982) (stating that "a collateral challenge may not do service for an appeal"); *United States v. Brown*, No. 16-7056, 2017 WL 3585073, at *3, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 132848 (4th Cir. Aug. 21, 2017) (concluding that first § 2255 motion that sought to apply *Johnson* to the pre-*Booker* guidelines was outside the statute of limitation); *Raybon v. United States*, No. 16-2522, 2017 WL 3470389, at *2-3, 2017 U.S. App. LEXIS 15029 (6th Cir. Aug. 14, 2017) (concluding that movant could not rely on the statute of limitation as set forth in § 2255(f)(3) because *Johnson* did not recognize a new "Constitutional right not to be sentenced as a career offender under the residual clause of the mandatory Sentencing Guidelines"); *United States v. Benedict*, 855 F.3d 880, 888-89 (8th Cir. 2017) (holding that prior convictions qualified

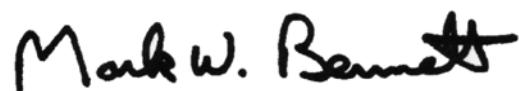
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Therefore, each petitioners' motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is denied. As for a certificate of appealability, each of the petitioners has not made the requisite showing. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). Accordingly, a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. § 2253 will not issue to any petitioner.

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DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.



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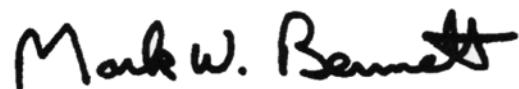
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 4th day of October, 2017.



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Appeals from United States District Court
for the Northern District of Iowa - Cedar Rapids

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Before GRUENDER, WOLLMAN, and SHEPHERD, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

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Kirk Lurton Grummitt, Jeremy Phelps, Kurt Alan Campbell, and Edward Lee Williams (collectively, defendants) argue that they were sentenced as career offenders based on the residual clause of § 4B1.2(a)(2) of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines (Guidelines) when the Guidelines were mandatory. In 2015, the Supreme Court decided Johnson v. United States, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), which established the new rule that the residual clause of the Armed Career Criminal Act was unconstitutionally vague. Thereafter, the defendants moved to vacate, set aside, or correct their sentences under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, each arguing that Johnson applied to the almost-identical language of § 4B1.2(a)(2). The district court¹ concluded that Johnson did not apply, rendering the motions untimely.

We review *de novo* the denial of a § 2255 motion as untimely. Russo v. United States, 902 F.3d 880, 882 (8th Cir. 2018), *petition for cert. filed*, (U.S. Jan. 17, 2019) (No. 18-7538). “[T]he timeliness of [a movant’s] claim depends on whether he is asserting the right initially recognized in Johnson or whether he is asserting a different right that would require the creation of a second new rule.” Id. at 883. “[I]f the result sought is ‘susceptible to debate among reasonable minds,’ then the movant seeks declaration of a [second] new rule,” and his motion is untimely. Id. (quoting Butler v. McKellar, 494 U.S. 407, 415 (1990)).

The defendants’ argument is foreclosed by our decision in Russo, in which the movant argued that his mandatory sentence based on the residual clause of § 4B1.2(a)(2) was unconstitutional in light of Johnson. Id. at 882. In upholding the dismissal of the § 2255 motion, we explained that the Supreme Court had recently rejected a vagueness challenge to the advisory Guidelines in Beckles v. United States, 137 S. Ct. 886 (2017), but that “Beckles ‘leaves open the question’ whether the

¹The Honorable Linda R. Reade, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, presided over the motions of Grummitt and Phelps. The Honorable Mark W. Bennett, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, presided over the motions of Campbell and Williams.

mandatory guidelines are susceptible to vagueness challenges" wherein the answer is reasonably debatable. Russo, 902 F.3d at 883 (quoting Beckles, 137 S. Ct. at 903 n.4 (Sotomayor, J., concurring in the judgment)). We thus determined that Russo's § 2255 motion was untimely because he was attempting to assert a right not initially recognized in Johnson. Id. at 883. For those same reasons, we affirm the district court's conclusion that the defendants' motions were untimely filed. See Mora-Higuera v. United States, No. 17-3638, slip op. at 3 (8th Cir. 2019) (citing Russo, 902 F.3d at 882-83).

The judgments are affirmed.

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February 08, 2019

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RE: 17-3609 Kirk Grummitt v. United States
17-3622 Jeremy Phelps v. United States
17-3625 Kurt Campbell v. United States
17-3628 Edward Williams v. United States

Dear Counsel:

The court today issued an opinion in this case. Judgment in accordance with the opinion was also entered today.

Please review [Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure](#) and the [Eighth Circuit Rules](#) on post-submission procedure to ensure that any contemplated filing is timely and in compliance with the rules. Note particularly that petitions for rehearing and petitions for rehearing en banc must be received in the clerk's office within 45 days of the date of the entry of judgment. Counsel-filed petitions must be filed electronically in CM/ECF. Paper copies are not required. No grace period for mailing is allowed, and the date of the postmark is irrelevant, for pro-se-filed petitions. Any petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc which is not received within the 45 day period for filing permitted by FRAP 40 may be denied as untimely.

Michael E. Gans
Clerk of Court

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JUDGMENT

Before GRUENDER, WOLLMAN, and SHEPHERD, Circuit Judges.

These appeals from the United States District Court were submitted on the record of the district court and briefs of the parties.

After consideration, it is hereby ordered and adjudged that the judgments of the district court in these causes are affirmed in accordance with the opinion of this Court.

February 08, 2019

Order Entered in Accordance with Opinion:
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Michael E. Gans