

No. 19-6652

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DOUGLAS AKIRA HIRANO
Petitioner

- vs -

UNITED STATES
Respondent

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari
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The government asserts that petitioner's *Johnson* claim against his sentencing under the mandatory United States Sentencing Guidelines is moot because he has completed his sentence. While he has completed the imprisonment part of his sentence, he is currently serving his supervised release terms, the longest of which is ten years. See *United States v. Hirano*, D.Ct. Case 1:99-cr-00465-ACK, ECF Doc. 69 (filed 2/28/2003) (judgment). His sentence has, accordingly, not been fully served and, thus, this matter is not moot on the ground that he has fully served his sentence. Moreover, were he to prevail on his claim and thereby demonstrate that he has

served significantly more time in prison than he should have, the district court would have the discretion to remedy that wrong by imposing shorter terms of supervised release or none at all (on some or all counts) in an amended judgment. See *United States v. Johnson*, 529 U.S. 53, 59 (2000).

The government's argument that *United States v. Blackstone*, 903 F.3d 1020 (CA9 2018), provides a reason to deny review in this case is addressed in the petition.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, PETER C. WOLFF, JR. certify pursuant to Rules 29.3 and 29.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States that I am member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and an attorney appointed under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964, see 18 USC §3006A, and that on **December 16, 2019**, the Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above-entitled case were electronically filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, copies sent through the United States Postal Service by first-class mail, postage prepaid, and with additional copies of said pleading for delivery to the following, and an electronic version was emailed to supremectbriefs@usdoj.gov:

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