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Hon. Freda L. Wolfson United States District Judge Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse 402 East State Street, Room 2020 Trenton, NJ 08608

Re: <u>United States v. Boye</u>, Civil No. 16-6024, 3:15-CR-196-01(FLW)

Dear Judge Wolfson:

We represent defendant Bobby Boye in this pending petition for 2255 relief. We wrote to your Honor back in March respectfully inquiring about the status of the Court's decision on defendant's 2255 petition. We spoke with your Honor's law clerk thereafter, in May. We understood based on that conversation that the Court's decision would be released shortly. Now two more months have passed.

It is almost 2 years since defendant filed his 2255 petition in this Court. We understand that the Court has many matters it must decide. I appreciate the Court's many responsibilities. But this defendant should have received a decision on his 2255 Petition by now. His entire Petition is grounded on his claim that he would have received a much shorter sentence if he had constitutionally effective assistance of the plea and sentencing counsel who was assigned to represent him. While waiting for the Court's decision on his Petition, defendant has served more than one-half his sentence of imprisonment. Defendant's 2255 Petition is close to being rendered moot.

We thank your Honor for your consideration and look forward to receiving the Court's decision as soon as possible so that defendant may move forward with his matter.

Respectfully,

/s/ Michael Confusione

Michael Confusione

cc (by mail): Hon. Jose L. Linares, Chief Judge