

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALAN DUNCAN,

Defendant.

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Case No. 3:15cr94

JUDGE WALTER H. RICE

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ENTRY REQUESTING BRIEFING FROM COUNSEL PURSUANT TO  
CONFERENCE CALL OF AUGUST 11, 2021

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The captioned cause came on to be heard upon a telephone conference call on August 11, 2021. A rough transcript of such brief conference is appended to this Entry.

Mr. Duncan has filed a “motion to quash pled in absentia to violation (Doc. #61)” seeking to have this Court to quash the warrant and the underlying offense which supports said warrant, the warrant having been filed by a state court of common pleas.

During this Court’s conference of August 11, 2021, the Court expressed some skepticism over its jurisdiction to grant Mr. Duncan the relief he was seeking. Rather, it was the Court’s preliminary conclusion that the relief he seeks can only be granted by the state court of common pleas or, in the alternative, perhaps by the Ohio Parole Authority.

Defendant’s counsel graciously agreed that he would attempt to clarify his client’s request, by filing something, which this Court concludes is either a motion or memorandum, within 21 days of August 11, 2021. Government’s counsel was to file a memorandum not later

than 21 days following the filing of the motion/memorandum in support of his client's position.

To date, almost five months later, nothing has been filed by either counsel. Mr. Duncan, feeling somewhat frustrated at the lack of activity on his request, has filed a Mandamus Action with the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Admittedly, this is somewhat embarrassing; however, the issue remains to give Mr. Duncan whatever relief, or consideration of giving him whatever relief, is cognizable in this Court.

I will notify the Sixth Circuit of the delay in resolving this matter. In the interim, it would be most appreciated if Defendant's counsel could file a motion/memorandum in support of the relief his client seeks, not later than the close of business on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Government's counsel will be requested to follow her memorandum not later than 21 days following receipt of the memorandum from counsel for the Defendant.

January 5, 2022

  
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WALTER H. RICE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies to:

Counsel of record

1 Wednesday, August 11, 2021 phone phone 5:15.

2 THE COURT: This is CR-3-15-94, United States  
3 versus Allan Duncan. Sheila Lafferty for the government.  
4 And Jon Paul Rion for the Defendant.

5 Jon Paul, your client has filed pro se a request  
6 for relief which I am assuming we're making as a motion to  
7 remove the federal detainer on him. Are you involved in  
8 this at all?

9 MR. RION: I'm the one that asked for this phone  
10 call. It's not the federal detainer he's asking to be  
11 removed. It's a problem we're having. I didn't know he was  
12 going to file a motion. I asked for the phone conference  
13 because I think it's, I didn't want the Court to overrule it  
14 because I think it may actually have some merit and maybe we  
15 should brief it. The state court -- if you remember in this  
16 case, we asked for a bond motion, there was not a detainer  
17 placed on him on a Clark County case he was parole for.  
18 After we filed the motion for bond, the detainer was then  
19 put on him.

20 THE COURT: I recall.

21 MR. RION: After after the sentencing, I called  
22 the parole board in Columbus trying to ask them if we could  
23 resolve this. They had refused to take any action. I told  
24 them we would admit the violation if that's what they're  
25 wanting. I think the federal case was the only reason for

1       it. They say when he's done with his federal time we'll  
2       address it. The problem is, if he has a detainer on him  
3       he's not eligible for halfway houses and maybe some other  
4       programming that would otherwise be available to him. It's  
5       affecting I think his need for rehabilitation that maybe the  
6       Court envisioned when it sentenced him. I can't get the  
7       parole board, the state parole board to do anything. It's  
8       Judge O'Neil's problem because he didn't file nor is he  
9       asking to sentence him. It's an internal parole board  
10      issue. I just think their position is they're not going to  
11      do anything on this until after the 12-year sentence is  
12      resolved due process in every way. His suggestions for  
13      relief, the Court could consider resentencing under the  
14      compassionate release concept of some level, ordering a  
15      mandate, mandamus for the parole board to rule on their own  
16      detainer and not wait 12 years in so doing. Instead of  
17      seeking to get this resolved one way or the other, the state  
18      says it's a nonexistent thing.

19               THE COURT: Jon Paul, it sounds to me like the way  
20      to approach it, and then of course I'll want to hear from  
21      Sheila is to file something recasting the motion as you  
22      think is applicable, and then basically setting forth not  
23      only the relief you're requesting but the jurisdiction of  
24      the Court to accomplish it. I can't quash the parole  
25      detainer. I don't think I have the authority to do that. I



1 think-- forget what I think. Are you willing to do that?

2 MR. RION: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Sheila, are you willing to respond to  
4 it?

5 MS. LAFFERTY: Judge, I mean as I read it, it is a  
6 state parole matter. I don't know if -- my question was:  
7 Is this an issue to address. It's the parole authority's,  
8 according to the paperwork he submitted, said it would be  
9 violation and asked a detainer be placed on him. I don't  
10 know what can be done to resolve that. If Jon Paul wants  
11 to.

12 MR. RION: I'll attempt to clarify our request to  
13 our law firm and if we could leave his motion pending to the  
14 extent that there is relevance in that remaining. I will  
15 follow something in the next 21 days with the Court.

16 THE COURT: Jon Paul, that would be helpful. That  
17 way, Sheila, you have I think a better idea what to respond  
18 to.

19 MS. LAFFERTY: Yes, your Honor, that would be  
20 helpful.

21 THE COURT: The solution, Jon Paul, may be, and  
22 certainly this is not a definitive opinion, may be to  
23 mandamus the parole board in state court.

24 MR. RION: Okay. Thank you, judge, for your time.

25 THE COURT: You're very welcome. Jon Paul, we'll

1       expect a memorandum in 21 days.   Sheila, 21 days thereafter.

2               MS. LAFFERTY:   Yes, your Honor.

3               THE COURT:   Very good.   Both of you take care.

4       Have a good evening.

5               (Proceedings concluded 5:23 p.m.

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Re: United States v. Alan Duncan, Trial Court No. 3:15cr94-1  
Court of Appeals Case No. 21-4175

Dear Mr. Orme:

I am responding to the Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed by Alan Duncan on December 13, 2021.

Mr. Duncan's frustration is justifiable, even though the relief sought might well be beyond the jurisdiction of this Court to grant. By enclosing a copy of the Entry filed this date, I am reminding counsel of our agreement that briefing would be completed not later than six weeks after our August 11, 2021, telephone conference.

Hopefully, this matter can move forward in an expeditious manner from this time forward. I would greatly appreciate if you would put a follow up on this file for on or about March 14, 2022.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to correspond with me, either by email ([donna\\_vinolus@ohsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:donna_vinolus@ohsd.uscourts.gov)), by mail at the above address or by phone call at 937-512-1502.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walter H. Rice".

Walter H. Rice

WHR/djv  
Enclosure

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