

MODEL FORM FOR MOTIONS UNDER 28 U. S. C. § 2255

Name _____
 Prison Number _____
 Place of Confinement _____
 United States District Court _____ District of _____
 Case No. _____ (to be supplied by Clerk of U. S. District Court)
 United States,

v.

(full name of movant)

(If movant has a sentence to be served in the *future* under a federal judgment which he wishes to attack, he should file a motion in the federal court which entered the judgment.)

MOTION TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE
 BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY

- (1) This motion must be legibly handwritten or typewritten, and signed by the movant under penalty of perjury. Any false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
- (2) Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the *facts* which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
- (3) Upon receipt, your motion will be filed if it is in proper order. No fee is required with this motion.
- (4) If you do not have the necessary funds for transcripts, counsel, appeal, and other costs connected with a motion of this type, you may request permission to proceed *in forma pauperis*, in which event you must execute the declaration on the last page, setting forth information establishing your inability to pay the costs. If you wish to proceed *in forma pauperis*, you must have an authorized officer at the penal institution complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.
- (5) Only judgments entered by one court may be challenged in a single motion. If you seek to challenge judgments entered by different judges or divisions either in the same district or in different districts, you must file separate motions as to each such judgment.
- (6) Your attention is directed to the fact that you must include all grounds for relief and all facts supporting such grounds for relief in the motion you file seeking relief from any judgment of conviction.

- (7) When the motion is fully completed, the *original and two copies* must be mailed to the Clerk of the United States District Court whose address is _____
- (8) Motions which do not conform to these instructions will be returned with a notation as to the deficiency.

MOTION

1. Name and location of court which entered the judgment of conviction under attack _____
2. Date of judgment of conviction _____
3. Length of sentence _____
4. Nature of offense involved (all counts) _____

5. What was your plea? (Check one)
 - (a) Not guilty
 - (b) Guilty
 - (c) Nolo contendere

If you entered a guilty plea to one count or indictment, and a not guilty plea to another count or indictment, give details:

6. Kind of trial: (Check one)
 - (a) Jury
 - (b) Judge only
7. Did you testify at the trial?
Yes No
8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction?
Yes No
9. If you did appeal, answer the following:
 - (a) Name of court _____
 - (b) Result _____
 - (c) Date of result _____
10. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications or motions with respect to this judgment in any federal court?
Yes No

11. If your answer to 10 was "yes," give the following information:

(a) (1) Name of court _____

(2) Nature of proceeding _____

(3) Grounds raised _____

(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(5) Result _____

(6) Date of result _____

(b) As to any second petition, application or motion give the same information:

(1) Name of court _____

(2) Nature of proceeding _____

(3) Grounds raised _____

(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(5) Result _____

(6) Date of result _____

(c) As to any third petition, application or motion give the same information:

(1) Name of court _____

(2) Nature of proceeding _____

(3) Grounds raised _____

(4) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

Yes No

(d) Did you appeal to an appellate federal court having jurisdiction, the result of action taken on any petition, application or motion?

(1) First petition, etc. Yes No

(2) Second petition, etc. Yes No

(3) Third petition, etc. Yes No

(e) If you did *not* appeal from the adverse action on any petition, application or motion, explain briefly why you did not:

12. State *concisely* every ground on which you claim that you are being held unlawfully. Summarize *briefly* the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and *facts* supporting same.

CAUTION: If you fail to set forth all grounds in this motion, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.

For your information, the following is a list of the most frequently raised grounds for relief in these proceedings. Each statement preceded by a letter constitutes a separate ground for possible relief. You may raise any grounds which you have other than those listed. However, *you should raise in this motion all available grounds* (relating to this conviction) on which you base your allegations that you are being held in custody unlawfully.

Do not check any of these listed grounds. If you select one or more of these grounds for relief, you must allege facts. The motion will be returned to you if you merely check (a) through (j) or any one of the grounds.

- (a) Conviction obtained by plea of guilty which was unlawfully induced or not made voluntarily or with understanding of the nature of the charge and the consequences of the plea.
- (b) Conviction obtained by use of coerced confession.
- (c) Conviction obtained by use of evidence gained pursuant to an unconstitutional search and seizure.
- (d) Conviction obtained by use of evidence obtained pursuant to an unlawful arrest.

- (e) Conviction obtained by a violation of the privilege against self-incrimination.
- (f) Conviction obtained by the unconstitutional failure of the prosecution to disclose to the defendant evidence favorable to the defendant.
- (g) Conviction obtained by a violation of the protection against double jeopardy.
- (h) Conviction obtained by action of a grand or petit jury which was unconstitutionally selected and impaneled.
- (i) Denial of effective assistance of counsel.
- (j) Denial of right of appeal.

A. Ground one: _____

Supporting FACTS (tell your story *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

B. Ground two: _____

Supporting FACTS (tell your story *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

C. Ground three: _____

Supporting FACTS (tell your story *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

D. Ground four: _____

Supporting FACTS (tell your story *briefly* without citing cases or law): _____

13. If any of the grounds listed in 12A, B, C, and D were not previously presented, state *briefly* what grounds were not so presented, and give your reasons for not presenting them: _____

14. Do you have any petition or appeal now pending in any court as to the judgment under attack?
Yes No

15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment attacked herein:

(a) At preliminary hearing _____

(b) At arraignment and plea _____

(c) At trial _____

(d) At sentencing _____

(e) On appeal _____

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding _____

(g) On appeal from any adverse ruling in a post-conviction proceeding _____

16. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at approximately the same time?

Yes No

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack?

Yes No

(a) If so, give name and location of court which imposed sentence to be served in the future: _____

(b) And give date and length of sentence to be served in the future: _____

(c) Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future?

Yes No

Wherefore, movant prays that the Court grant him all relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

 Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on _____ .
 (date)

 Signature of Movant

IN FORMA PAUPERIS DECLARATION

 [Insert appropriate court]

United States

v.

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT
 OF REQUEST
 TO PROCEED
 IN FORMA PAUPERIS

 (Movant)

I, _____, declare that I am the movant in the above entitled case; that in support of my motion to proceed without being required to prepay fees, costs or give security therefor, I state that because of my poverty, I am unable to pay the costs of said proceeding or to give security therefor; that I believe I am entitled to relief.

1. Are you presently employed? Yes No
- a. If the answer is "yes," state the amount of your salary or wages per month, and give the name and address of your employer.

- b. If the answer is "no," state the date of last employment and the amount of the salary and wages per month which you received.

2. Have you received within the past twelve months any money from any of the following sources?

- | | |
|---|--|
| a. Business, profession or form of self-employment? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Rent payments, interest or dividends | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Pensions, annuities or life insurance payments? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Gifts or inheritances? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Any other sources? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If the answer to any of the above is "yes," describe each source of money and state the amount received from each during the past twelve months. _____

3. Do you own any cash, or do you have money in a checking or savings account?

Yes No (Include any funds in prison accounts)

If the answer is "yes," state the total value of the items owned.

4. Do you own real estate, stocks, bonds, notes, automobiles, or other valuable property (excluding ordinary household furnishings and clothing)?

Yes No

If the answer is "yes," describe the property and state its approximate value. _____

5. List the persons who are dependent upon you for support, state your relationship to those persons, and indicate how much you contribute toward their support. _____

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on _____ .

(date)

Signature of Movant

Certificate

I hereby certify that the movant herein has the sum of \$ _____ on account to his credit at the _____ institution where he is confined. I further certify that movant likewise has the following securities to his credit according to the records of said _____ institution: _____

Authorized Officer of
Institution

MODEL FORM FOR USE IN 28 U. S. C. § 2255
 CASES INVOLVING A RULE 9 ISSUE

Form No. 9

United States District Court

District of _____

Case No. _____

United States

v.

 (Name of Movant)

*Movant's Response as to Why His Motion Should
 Not be Barred Under Rule 9*

Explanation and Instructions—Read Carefully

(I) Rule 9. Delayed or successive motions.

(a) Delayed motions. A motion for relief made pursuant to these rules may be dismissed if it appears that the government has been prejudiced in its ability to respond to the motion by delay in its filing unless the movant shows that it is based on grounds of which he could not have had knowledge by the exercise of reasonable diligence before the circumstances prejudicial to the government occurred.

(b) Successive motions. A second or successive motion may be dismissed if the judge finds that it fails to allege new or different grounds for relief and the prior determination was on the merits or, if new and different grounds are alleged, the judge finds that the failure of the movant to assert those grounds in a prior motion constituted an abuse of the procedure governed by these rules.

(II) Your motion to vacate, set aside, or correct sentence has been found to be subject to dismissal under rule 9() for the following reason(s): _____

(III) This form has been sent so that you may explain why your motion contains the defect(s) noted in (II) above. It is required that you fill out this form and send it back to the court within _____ days. Failure to do so will result in the automatic dismissal of your motion.

- (IV) When you have fully completed this form, the original and two copies must be mailed to the Clerk of the United States District Court whose address is _____
- (V) This response must be legibly handwritten or typewritten, and signed by the movant under penalty of perjury. Any false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
- (VI) Additional pages are not permitted except with respect to the *facts* which you rely upon in item 4 or 5 in the response. Any citation of authorities should be kept to an absolute minimum and is only appropriate if there has been a change in the law since the judgment you are attacking was rendered.
- (VII) Respond to 4 or 5, not to both, unless (II) above indicates that you must answer both sections.

RESPONSE

1. Have you had the assistance of an attorney, other law-trained personnel, or writ writers since the conviction your motion is attacking was entered?
Yes No
2. If you checked "yes" above, specify as precisely as you can the period(s) of time during which you received such assistance, up to and including the present. _____

3. Describe the nature of the assistance, including the names of those who rendered it to you. _____

4. If your motion is in jeopardy because of delay prejudicial to the government under rule 9(a), explain why you feel the delay has not been prejudicial and/or why the delay is excusable under the terms of 9(a). This should be done by relying upon FACTS, not your opinions or conclusions. _____

5. If your motion is in jeopardy under rule 9(b) because it asserts the same grounds as a previous motion, explain why you feel it deserves a reconsideration. If its fault under rule 9(b) is that it asserts new grounds which should have been included in a prior motion, explain why you are raising these grounds now rather than previously. Your explanation should rely on FACTS, not your opinions or conclusions.

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on _____ .
(date)

Signature of Movant

