

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

HARRESCIA HOPKINS

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.

1:22-CR-0284-SEG

ORDER

Defendant Harrescia Hopkins pleaded guilty on December 20, 2022, to two counts of wire fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1343 and § 2) for submitting two false and fraudulent applications for Paycheck Protection Program loans on behalf of Hopkins Towing and Storage. (Doc. 19.) She was sentenced on June 8, 2023, to five months of imprisonment to be followed by two years of supervised release. (Doc. 35.)

On August 14, 2023, Ms. Hopkins filed a pro se motion to vacate, set aside, or correct the sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. (Doc. 44.) On August 22, 2023, the Magistrate Judge directed Ms. Hopkins to file an amended petition to “provide additional details so that the Court can better understand the claim that Movant seeks to raise.” (Doc. 45 at 1.) On August 31, 2023, Ms. Hopkins filed a more fulsome amended motion asserting ineffective assistance of counsel. (Doc. 46.)

On February 26, 2024, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) recommending dismissal of the § 2255 motion on procedural grounds. (Doc. 49.) The Court declined to adopt the R&R and directed the Government to respond to the merits of the § 2255 motion. (Doc. 54.) The Government filed a response in opposition to the motion on June 6, 2024. (Doc. 60.)

The Clerk is DIRECTED to REFER this case back to the Magistrate Judge for consideration of the merits of the § 2255 motion and the Government’s response in opposition.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of December, 2024.


SARAH E. GERAGHTY
United States District Judge