

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO: 8:21-cr-370-CEH-J_S

BRIDGITTE KEIM

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court upon Defendant's *pro se* Motion for Early Termination of Probation [sic], filed on January 15, 2025 (Doc. 40), and the Government's response in opposition, filed on January 23, 2025 (Doc. 42).

On January 5, 2022, Defendant entered a guilty plea to a one-count Criminal Information charging her with Bank Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344 and 2. On April 8, 2022, Defendant was sentenced to a term of twenty-four (24) months' imprisonment followed by a three (3) year term of supervised release along with a special assessment of \$100 and ordered to pay restitution totaling \$121,659 (Doc. 31). Defendant commenced her three-year term of supervised release in July 2023.

In support of her motion, Defendant states: "(1) I have complied with all terms of my probation and have not violated any terms of it. (2) I have not been arrested for any reason and no criminal charges are pending against me. (3) I've paid all of my court fees/fines and my restitution payments are current and paid on time each month. (4) I am eligible to have my teaching certificate reinstated with the [S]tate of Florida and would like to be able to teach grade school again in Hillsborough County, Florida but I am unable to do so while on federal probation." Defendant also states that she contacted her

Probation Officer, Brynn Dawsey, regarding the motion, and the Probation Officer is in favor of Defendant filing for early termination. In its response in opposition, the Government indicates that counsel for the United States communicated with Defendant's Probation Officer, Brynn Dawsey, to obtain her position and discuss the statements and claims made by Defendant in the motion. After consultation with Probation Officer Dawsey, the United States opposes Defendant's motion for the following reasons: (1) Defendant's motion is misleading, because Defendant states that Probation Officer Dawsey was in favor of her filing for early termination; however, Officer Dawsey did not express any opinion about Defendant filing a motion for early termination. Rather, Officer Dawsey presented Defendant with options; one of which was to hire counsel to file a motion on her behalf. (2) In response to questions concerning current employment and income, Defendant advised probation that she is currently being paid in cash by her employer. Defendant further advised that she cannot produce recent paystubs to validate employment and income. Cash payments create a risk of not reporting income for tax purposes. (3) Defendant's motion asserts that she has paid all of her Court fees/fines and that her restitution payments are current. This is true. However, Defendant has only paid \$2,915.59 in restitution and an outstanding balance of \$118,734.97 remains, so Defendant still owes approximately 95% restitution to the victims of her crimes and should pay more restitution prior to being granted an early termination of supervised release. (4) Finally, and most troubling, Defendant was instructed by Probation Officer Dawsey to file a new financial statement. To date, Defendant has failed to follow the instruction of her probation officer. Special Condition Three requires Defendant to provide the probation

officer with access to any requested financial information. (Doc. 31 at pg. 6). Without a new financial statement neither probation or the United States can evaluate Defendant's financial condition, whether changed circumstances would allow for raising the mandated monthly restitution payment ordered by the Court, and whether her cash employment income is being reported to the Internal Revenue Service as required by law. For these reasons, the United States requests that the Court deny Defendant's *pro se* motion for early termination of her term of supervised release.

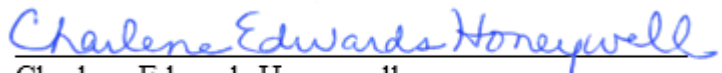
The Court, having considered the motion and being fully advised in the premises, will deny Defendant's motion for early termination.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED:

1. Defendant's *pro se* Motion for Early Termination of Probation [sic] (Doc. 40) is **DENIED**.
2. Having considered the factors in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), early termination of Defendant's supervised release is not warranted or in the interest of justice.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tampa, Florida on January 31, 2025.


Charlene Edwards Honeywell
United States District Judge

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