IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
TEXARKANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF

v. Case No. 4:19-cr-40021

MALAYA WELCH DEFENDANT

ORDER

Before the Court is *pro se* Defendant Malaya Welch's Motion for Early Termination of Supervised Release. ECF No. 2. The government has filed a response. ECF No. 3. The Court finds the matter ripe for consideration.

On September 25, 2018, Defendant was named in a seven-count Indictment filed in the Southern District of Texas. ECF No. 1, p. 14. On October 29, 2018, pursuant to a plea agreement, Defendant pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport an undocumented alien within the United States, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §§ 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii), 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I), and 3214(a)(1)(B)(i). On April 15, 2019, Defendant was sentenced to time served (20 days) and three (3) years of supervised release. ECF No. 1, pp. 19-25. On November 14, 2019, the jurisdiction of Defendant was transferred from the Southern District of Texas to this Court.

On March 9, 2021, Defendant filed the instant motion. Defendant requests early termination of her supervised release, citing her good behavior since her release from imprisonment and medical issues. Defendant states that she has complied with all requirements of her supervised release.

The United States Probation Office ("USPO") has notified the Court that Defendant has maintained full-time employment, complied with all conditions of supervised release, and bettered herself through outpatient services. The USPO also notes that Defendant has no criminal history

other than the instant offense, which demonstrates that the instant offense was an isolated event. Defendant has served approximately twenty-four months (24) of the imposed thirty-six months of supervised release.

A district court may terminate supervised release "if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice." 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1). In making its determination, the Court must consider factors set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent they are applicable. Section 3553(a) factors include, among others, the nature and circumstances of the offense, the history and characteristics of the defendant, and the need to provide the defendant with correctional treatment in the most efficient manner.

The Court finds that, after consideration of the above-referenced factors, the instant motion (ECF No. 2) should be and hereby is **GRANTED** based upon Defendant's conduct and the interests of justice. Defendant's term of supervised release is hereby terminated.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 21st day of April, 2021.

/s/ Susan O. Hickey
Susan O. Hickey
Chief United States District Judge