

**Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct a Sentence  
By a Person in Federal Custody**

**(Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255)**

**Instructions**

1. To use this form, you must be a person who is serving a sentence under a judgment against you in a federal court. You are asking for relief from the conviction or the sentence. This form is your motion for relief.
2. You must file the form in the United States district court that entered the judgment that you are challenging. If you want to challenge a federal judgment that imposed a sentence to be served in the future, you should file the motion in the federal court that entered that judgment.
3. In this motion, you may challenge the judgment entered by only one court. If you want to challenge a judgment entered by a different judge or division (either in the same district or in a different district), you must file a separate motion.
4. Make sure the form is typed or neatly written.
5. You must tell the truth and sign the form under penalty of perjury. If you make a false statement, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
6. Answer all the questions. You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or correct information. If you want to submit a brief or arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum.
7. **CAUTION: You must include in this motion all the grounds for relief from the conviction or sentence that you challenge. And you must state the facts that support each ground. If you fail to set forth all the grounds in this motion, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.**
8. Complete the attached form, keep a copy for yourself and send the original plus two copies (you need not copy these instructions) to:

The Pro Se Office  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201



8. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction? Yes G No G

9. If you did appeal, answer the following:

(a) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(f) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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(g) Did you file a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court? Yes G No G

If "Yes," answer the following:

(1) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Citation to the case (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Other than the direct appeals listed above, have you previously filed any other motions, petitions, or applications concerning this judgment of conviction in any court?

Yes G No G

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

(a) (1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, application?  
Yes G No G

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) If you filed any second motion, petition, or application, give the same information:

(1) Name of court: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Date of filing (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Nature of the proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) Grounds raised: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(6) Did you receive a hearing where evidence was given on your motion, petition, or application?  
Yes G No G

(7) Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Date of result (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Did you appeal to a federal appellate court having jurisdiction the action taken on your motion, petition, or application?

(1) First petition: Yes G No G

(2) Second petition: Yes G No G

(d) If you did not appeal from the action on any motion, petition, or application, explain briefly why you did not: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes G No G

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GROUND TWO:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Two:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes G No G

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes G No G

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUND THREE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Three:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?

Yes G No G

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:

Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes G No G

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
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(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**GROUND FOUR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(a) Supporting facts (Do not argue or cite law. Just state the specific facts that support your claim.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**(b) Direct Appeal of Ground Four:**

(1) If you appealed from the judgment of conviction, did you raise this issue?  
Yes G No G

(2) If you did not raise this issue in your direct appeal, explain why: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**(c) Post-Conviction Proceedings:**

(1) Did you raise this issue in any post-conviction motion, petition, or application?  
Yes G No G

(2) If your answer to Question (c)(1) is "Yes," state:  
Type of motion or petition: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of the court where the motion or petition was filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
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(3) Did you receive a hearing on your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(4) Did you appeal from the denial of your motion, petition, or application?

Yes G No G

(5) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," did you raise this issue in the appeal?

Yes G No G

(6) If your answer to Question (c)(4) is "Yes," state:

Name and location of the court where the appeal was filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Docket or case number (if you know): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the court's decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Result (attach a copy of the court's opinion or order, if available): \_\_\_\_\_  
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(7) If your answer to Question (c)(4) or Question (c)(5) is "No," explain why you did not appeal or raise this issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Is there any ground in this motion that you have not previously presented in some federal court? If so, which ground or grounds have not been presented, and state your reasons for not presenting them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Do you have any motion, petition, or appeal now pending (filed and not decided yet) in any court for the judgment you are challenging? Yes G No G

If "Yes," state the name and location of the court, the docket or case number, the type of proceeding, and the issues raised. \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment you are challenging:

(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 ruling against you 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 the same time?      Yes G    No G

17. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence for the judgment that you are challenging?      Yes G    No G

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed the other sentence you will serve in the future:

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) Give the date the other sentence was imposed: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Give the length of the other sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Have you filed, or do you plan to file, any motion, petition, or application that challenges the judgment or sentence to be served in the future?      Yes G    No G



Therefore, movant asks that the Court grant the following relief: \_\_\_\_\_  
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or any other relief to which movant may be entitled.

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Signature of Attorney (if any)

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 was placed in the prison mailing system on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (month, date, year).

Executed (signed) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

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Signature of Movant

If the person signing is not movant, state relationship to movant and explain why movant is not signing this motion. \_\_\_\_\_  
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