

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 19-CR-151

v.

RUBEN ORTIZ,

Green Bay Division

Defendant.

**GOVERNMENT'S MOTION FOR AN INDIGENCY DETERMINATION
AND THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR RUBEN ORTIZ**

The United States of America, by its attorneys, Matthew D. Krueger, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and William J. Roach, Assistant United States Attorney, moves this Court for a hearing regarding the appointment of CJA counsel for Ruben Ortiz.

As grounds for this request, the government submits the following:

- (1) In September 2019, Ruben Ortiz was charged with others in a multiple-defendant drug conspiracy case. Mr. Ortiz retained Attorney Heather Richmond to represent him in the matter that is currently scheduled for trial on October 19, 2020.
- (2) Mr. Ortiz has advised that he no longer wants Attorney Heather Richmond as counsel and requests that the court appoint an attorney for him. Mr. Ortiz is currently serving a state prison sentence at the Racine Correctional Institution. He understands that an indigency determination would need to occur before the appointment of counsel can be made.

(3) To that end, the government requests the Court schedule a hearing to rule on this request. Because Mr. Ortiz seeks to relieve Attorney Richmond of further representation, the government further requests that a representative of the Federal Defender Services appear as stand in counsel for Mr. Ortiz at the hearing, should appointed counsel not be immediately available.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of August, 2020.

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