

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 16-CR-064
17-CR-160

v.

RONALD H. VAN DEN HEUVEL,

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING MOTIONS FOR REVIEW/CLARIFICATION

Defendant Ronald H. Van Den Heuvel pleaded guilty to multiple fraud schemes in two different cases involving losses totaling some 9.8 million dollars. In case number 16-CR-64, Van Den Heuvel was convicted of Bank Fraud and sentenced to 36 months in prison on January 15, 2018. On January 23, 2019, Van Den Heuvel was sentenced in case number 17-CR-160 to a concurrent term of 90 months for Wire Fraud. On March 30, 2022, Van Den Heuvel was released from incarceration as a Cares Act Placement and was ordered to home confinement in Cheboygan, Michigan. After an issue arose, the Bureau of Prisons recalled Van Den Heuvel to the residential reentry center (RRC) in Detroit and eventually transferred him to an RRC in Dania, Florida, where he was again placed on home confinement. On December 14, 2023, U.S. Probation received notice from the Bureau of Prisons that Vandenberg was listed as an escapee in Florida. Upon recommitment to the Bureau of Prisons, Van Den Heuvel was returned to Rochester FMC, where he remained until his release to supervision on July 26, 2024.

These cases are currently before the court on Van Den Heuvel's pro se motion asking the court to revisit several issues relating to his cases including 1) the legality of the July 2, 2015 search; 2) withholding exculpatory evidence, specifically alleging a *Brady* violation regarding the return of materials seized; 3) property damage resulting from the search; 4) restitution to Horicon


Bank; 5) allegations of a conflict of interest of a prosecutor; and 6) an issue with a pretrial statement by a prosecutor regarding flight risk. The motions are denied.

In case number 16-CR-64, Judgment was entered on January 9, 2018, a notice of appeal was filed on January 19, 2018. After Van Den Heuvel's appointed counsel moved to withdraw the appeal as frivolous under *Anders v California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967) and Van Den Heuvel failed to respond, the Court of Appeals issued a mandate thoroughly reviewing the history and dismissing the appeal March 5, 2019. 16-CR-64, Dkt. No. 238.

In case number 17-CR-160, Judgment was issued on January 25, 2019 and Amended on June 4, 2019. A notice of appeal was filed February 6, 2019. The Court of Appeals noted that, although Van Den Heuvel waived his right to appeal both his conviction and sentence and his appointed lawyer asserted that he no longer wished to pursue the appeal, Van Den Heuvel did not submit his consent to a voluntary dismissal. Counsel moved to withdraw under *Anders v California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967) stating the appeal was frivolous and Van Den Heuvel again failed to respond. Because counsel did not discuss whether Van Den Heuvel could challenge his sentence or whether the Government breached the plea agreement, the Court of Appeals limited their review to those questions and dismissed the appeal on February 13, 2020. 17-CR-160, Dkt. No. 155.

These cases have been closed since 2018 and 2019 respectively and Van Den Heuvel has had every opportunity to address these issues within the pending cases and on appeal. Each of the issues Van Den Heuvel lists have either been waived, previously addressed via motions, or are not appropriately addressed within these long-closed cases. The motions for review, 16-CR-64, Dkt. No. 279 and 17-CR-160, Dkt. No. 204 are **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED at Green Bay, Wisconsin this 23rd day of March, 2026.



William C. Griesbach, District Judge
United States District Court