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DISTRICT OF WYOMING

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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**ORDER RESCINDING GENERAL  
ORDER 20-05-A**

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**ORDER RESCINDING GENERAL ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
COUNSEL IN COMPASSIONATE RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

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This Court's prior General Order (20-05-A) directed that the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Districts of Colorado and Wyoming ("Federal Public Defender") was to be appointed to represent any defendant convicted in this District and previously determined to have been entitled to appointment of counsel or who is now indigent to determine whether the defendant is eligible to petition the Court for compassionate release under Section 603(b) of the First Step Act of 2018, 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c) and (d), and, where appropriate, to file any motions for compassionate release. In the alternative, if the Federal Public Defender concluded that it could not undertake the representation, whether due to conflict or capacity, a member of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel was to be appointed by the Chief Magistrate Judge to represent the defendant. Due to the increase in the number of repeated filings of Motions for Compassionate release by the same defendants and the decrease in COVID-19 based requests the Court finds automatic appointment of counsel is no longer necessary or beneficial and the Court will determine, on a case by case basis, whether to appoint counsel to indigent defendants.

Therefore, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that General Order 20-05-A is hereby RESCINDED and appointment of counsel in Compassionate Release matters will no longer be automatically made by the assigned Judge on a case by case basis.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2022.

  
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SCOTT W. SKAVDAHL  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE