

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

7/29/2022

JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK
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IN RE:)
APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL PUBLIC)
DEFENDER TO REPRESENT)
ELIGIBLE DEFENDANTS SEEKING)
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF UNDER)
RUAN V. UNITED STATES AND)
UNITED STATES V. TAYLOR)

STANDING ORDER 2022-15

1. Last month, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down decisions in two cases, Ruan v. United States, No. 20-1410, decided June 27, 2022, and United States v. Taylor, No. 20-1459, decided June 21, 2022. In Ruan, the Court concluded that the “knowingly or intentionally” mens rea requirement applies to the “except as authorized” clause of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 841. In Taylor, the Court affirmed the decision of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that attempted Hobbs Act robbery does not qualify as a crime of violence under 18 U.S.C. 924(c)(3)(A).
2. The Federal Public Defender (“FPD”) has written the court indicating that the FPD office has received a few calls from individuals who may be impacted by these decisions and has requested that the court appoint the FPD office to review such cases and file post-conviction petitions as appropriate.
3. Finding it appropriate to do so, the court appoints the Federal Public Defender’s office to represent eligible defendants seeking post-conviction relief under Ruan and Taylor.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered: July 28, 2022

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Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge