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2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 AT SEATTLE 8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No. CR21-026-RSL 9 Plaintiff. 10 ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EARLY v. 11 TERMINATION OF WAY QUOE LONG, 12 SUPERVISED RELEASE Defendant. 13 14 15 This matter comes before the Court on defendant's pro se "Notice of Motion and Motion 16 to Terminate Supervised Release" (Dkt. #4). Having considered the submissions of the parties 17 and the remainder of the record, the Court finds as follows: 18 On July 15, 1997, a jury convicted defendant of (i) continuing criminal enterprise, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 848, (ii) conspiracy to manufacture, distribute and to possess with intent 19 20 to distribute marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (iii) two counts of manufacturing 21 of marijuana and aiding and abetting, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (iv) using and 22 carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1), (v) possession of a firearm silencer without a serial number, in violation of 28 U.S.C. §§ 5842, 23 5861(i), and 5871, (vi) two counts of possession of a machine gun, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 24 § 922(o), and (vii) three counts of criminal forfeiture under 21 U.S.C. § 853. Dkt. # 2-1 at 1-2. 25 26 The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California sentenced defendant to 600 months 27 of imprisonment and five years of supervised release. Id. at 3-4. On January 19, 2021, after 28 defendant had served almost 25 years of his 50-year term of imprisonment, former President ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EARLY

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Donald Trump commuted his sentence to time served, but left intact his five-year term of supervised release. Dkt. # 4 at 3. This occurred on the former president's last full day in office. Defendant started his term of supervised release on January 20, 2021. Dkt. # 1. This Court accepted jurisdiction over defendant on February 10, 2021. Id.

The Court may "after considering the factors set forth in [18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)] . . . terminate a term of supervised release and discharge the defendant released at any time after the expiration of one year of supervised release . . . if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice." 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e). The Court enjoys "discretion to consider a wide range of circumstances when determining whether to grant early termination." <u>United States v. Emmett</u>, 749 F.3d 817, 819 (9th Cir. 2014) (citing <u>United States v. Pregent</u>, 190 F.3d 279, 283 (4th Cir. 1999)).

The Court has considered the applicable factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and concludes that termination of defendant's term of supervised release is appropriate. Defendant appears to be a low risk to the community. He has incurred no violations while on supervised release, and the U.S. Office of Probation and Pretrial Services does not oppose his motion. Dkt. # 4 at 4. Additionally, defendant suffered a stroke in February 2022, which has left him disabled. Id. at 3. Finally, defendant has already served a lengthy sentence for his crimes – the offenses at issue concluded in 1996, nearly 26 years ago. Dkt. # 2-1 at 1. Termination of defendant's term of supervised release is therefore warranted by the conduct of defendant and the interest of justice. See 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1). The Court wishes defendant well as he continues to recuperate from his stroke.

Accordingly, defendant's request for early termination of supervised release (Dkt. # 4) is GRANTED. IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 31st day of May, 2022.

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Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge