

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

LUFKIN DIVISION

DONNY GRAMMAR §
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 9:24-cv-54
WARDEN, FCC COLEMAN LOW §

MEMORANDUM OPINION REGARDING TRANSFER

Petitioner Donny Grammar, an inmate confined at the Federal Correctional Complex located in Coleman, Florida, proceeding *pro se*, brings this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.¹

Discussion

Petitioner challenges the calculation of time credits applied toward the completion of his sentence.

Analysis

Title 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a) provides that “[w]rits of habeas corpus may be granted by the Supreme Court, any justice thereof, the district courts and any circuit judge within their respective jurisdictions.” “To entertain a § 2241 habeas petition, the district court must, upon the filing of the petition, have jurisdiction over the prisoner or his custodian.” *United States v. Gabor*, 905 F.2d 76, 78 (5th Cir. 1990). A § 2241 Petition must be filed in the district where the Petitioner is incarcerated. *Hooker v. Sivley*, 187 F.3d 680, 682 (5th Cir. 1999). Thus, only the district court

¹ Petitioner raised his claim in a motion filed in the underlying criminal case. See *United States v. Grammar*, No. 9:20cv23 (E.D. Tex. Nov. 30, 2020). The district court determined Petitioner asserted a challenge to the calculation of his sentence and severed his claim into the above-styled action.

where the Petitioner is confined at the time the Petition is filed has jurisdiction to entertain the § 2241 Petition. *Id.*

Petitioner was confined in the Federal Correctional Complex located in Coleman, Florida when he filed the Petition. The city of Coleman, Florida is located in the Ocala Division of the Middle District of Florida. As Petitioner is not incarcerated in the Eastern District of Texas, this court is without jurisdiction to consider Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus; subject-matter jurisdiction cannot be waived. *See DeCell & Assocs. v. F.D.I.C.*, 36 F.3d 464, 471 (5th Cir. 1991).

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), for the convenience of parties and witnesses and in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it could have been brought. Such a transfer may be done *sua sponte* and is reviewable only for an abuse of discretion. *Mills v. Beech Aircraft Corp.*, 886 F.2d 758, 761 (5th Cir. 1989).

After considering the circumstances, the court has determined that the interests of justice would best be served if this Petition were transferred to the district in which the Petitioner is confined rather than dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction. An Order of Transfer so providing shall be entered in accordance with this Memorandum Order.

SIGNED this the 28th day of March, 2024.



Christine L Stetson
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE