FAQ:

Can I get off Federal supervision early?

There is no set answer to this question, and the answer varies district to district. The decision about early termination from supervision is made by the sentencing Judge and is based on many factors. According to federal statute, all offenders are eligible for early termination after one year of supervision. However, each district and/or Judge may have different requirements for early termination. For example, some districts may not consider early termination until one-half or two-thirds of the supervision sentence has been reached; some districts will grant early termination when a case has an outstanding fine or restitution balance if payments were made as ordered; and other districts may not consider early termination for a case with outstanding debt to the Court.

The U.S. Probation Office for the Western District of Michigan will assess case factors and may generate a request to the Court for early termination in cases that are within one year of the supervision sentence expiration. In doing so, the U.S. Probation Office consults the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Section 380.10, and factors determined by the Judicial Conference, which provides general criteria for assessing each individual. The criteria includes stable community reintegration; progressive strides toward supervision objectives; no history of violence and no aggravated role in the offense of conviction; no career offenders or armed career criminal designations; no recent evidence of alcohol or drug abuse, or psychiatric episodes; and no identifiable risk to public safety. In addition, the U.S. Probation Office for the Western District of Michigan is committed to assessing sustained positive behavioral change in offenders prior to making recommendations for early termination of supervision.

If you believe you are eligible for an early termination under the factors determined by the Judicial Conference, you and/or your legal counsel must file a formal early termination motion with the Court. You should not file a written letter, informal request, and/or contact the Court directly with early termination requests.