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### **Detroit Drug Supplier Sentenced to 17 Years in Prison Withdraws Petition for Post-Conviction Relief**

In September of 2014, Brandon Jorge Allen, 29, of Detroit, was sentenced by Judge George McCarthy to 17 years in prison for his role in leading a drug ring out of Detroit that supplied illegal drugs into Southeastern Ohio. In May of 2015, Allen, through attorney Jeffrey Brandt of Covington, Kentucky, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and to Vacate or Set Aside Judgment citing the “Denial of His Right to the Effective Assistance of Counsel”.

The State of Ohio filed a response to Allen’s motion on May 8, 2015, requesting the Court to either dismiss or deny Allen’s petition.

On June, 3, 2015, Allen, again through attorney Brandt filed a Motion to Withdraw stating “having received additional counseling, and with a renewed explanation of his case, Mr. Allen wishes to voluntarily withdraw or dismiss his pending petition...” and the Court filed an entry on June 9, 2015, dismissing the matter.

Prosecutor Blackburn states that “I am pleased to have closure on this matter. This case resulted in over a dozen convictions and most importantly, the removal of a large supply of drugs from our community.