Wednesday, 03 December, 2014 10:04:44 AM Clerk, U.S. District Court, ILCD

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS PEORIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Crim. No. 14-10037
JOHN D. POWELL,)
Defendant.)

DEFENDANT'S COMMENTARY ON SENTENCING FACTORS

Now comes the Defendant JOHN D. POWELL by his attorney ROBERT A. ALVARADO and respectfully asks this court to vary from the guideline range and impose a sentence of one year and one day imprisonment. Mr. Powell contends this would be a sufficient but not greater than necessary sentence in consideration of the non-violent nature of the offense, the lack of any personal loss to any individual victim, the relatively minor criminal history of Mr. Powell, and his precarious physical health. In support Mr. Powell submits a brief synopsis of the history and basis purpose of Bitcoin "virtual currency" and Mr. Powell's own letter to the court.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN D. POWELL, Defendant BY: s/ Robert A. Alvarado
ROBERT A. ALVARADO
Assistant Federal Public Defender
Office of the Federal Public Defender
401 Main St., Suite 1500
Peoria, IL 61602

Phone: (309) 671-7891 Fax: (309) 671-7898

E-Mail: robert_alvarado@fd.org

COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANT

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 3, 2014 I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following: Assistant United States Attorney Brad Murphy, U.S. Attorney's Office, One Technology Plaza, Suite 400, Peoria, IL 61602.

s/ Robert A. Alvarado ROBERT A. ALVARADO Attorney for Defendant Federal Public Defender's Office 401 Main St., Suite 1500 Peoria, IL 61602 Ph. (309) 671-7891 Fax: (309) 671-7898

E-Mail: robert_alvarado@fd.org