

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

Alan Woolsey v. Warden Washington

Woolsey · No. 2:25-CV-137-WKW · Decided January 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama dismissed Alan Woolsey’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas petition without prejudice as moot after his transfer from federal prison to supervised release. The court also denied as moot his motion for an extension of time to file a reply and cancelled the scheduled evidentiary hearing.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	W. Keith Watkins
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, Northern Division
DECIDED	January 7, 2026
DOCKET	2:25-CV-137-WKW
DISPOSITION	dismissed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner sought habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 concerning the calculation and application of First Step Act time credits and possible Second Chance Act rewards. After Petitioner was transferred from custody to supervised release, the court considered the petition moot and dismissed it without prejudice.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court determined whether a live case or controversy remained and whether it could provide meaningful relief after Petitioner's transfer to supervised release.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Unpublished district court order; nonprecedential
PARTIES	Alan Woolsey v. Warden Washington

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- post-conviction relief
- remedies
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Federal habeas corpus

Post-conviction relief

Mootness

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Woolsey's § 2241 petition seeking application of First Step Act and Second Chance Act credits became moot after his transfer to prerelease custody and supervised release.
2. Whether Woolsey's pending motion for an extension of time to file a reply brief and the scheduled evidentiary hearing should be denied or cancelled as moot.

HOLDINGS

1. A § 2241 petition seeking transfer-related custody relief is moot when the petitioner has been transferred to prerelease custody and supervised release, leaving the court unable to provide meaningful relief.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"Because Petitioner has been transferred to supervised release, there is no longer a case or controversy to litigate, and this court is unable to provide any meaningful relief to Petitioner."

"The Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 (Doc. # 1) is DISMISSED without prejudice as moot."

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Woolsey sought application of First Step Act time credits dating from his October 7, 2017 sentencing, including credits based on his recidivism-risk assessments, as well as any available Second Chance Act rewards. During the litigation, he was transferred from the Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Alabama to prerelease custody and then to supervised release in his hometown. Because the requested transfer-related relief had occurred, the court found that no meaningful relief remained available.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Woolsey filed a pro se § 2241 petition on February 18, 2025 while incarcerated at the Federal Prison Camp in Montgomery, Alabama. Counsel was later appointed, and Respondent filed a supplemental response asserting mootness after Woolsey's transfer to prerelease custody. Woolsey then represented that he had been released to supervised release. The court denied as moot his motion for an extension of time, cancelled the evidentiary hearing, and dismissed the petition without prejudice as moot.

DISPOSITION

dismissed

CASES CITED

- Adams v. Washington, 2025 WL 2174855, at *1–2 (M.D. Ala. July 31, 2025)
- Singleton v. Neely, 2023 WL 9550049, at *3–4 (N.D. Ala. Dec. 21, 2023)

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