

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO. 99-603
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MICHAEL ARMSTRONG :

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

J. M. KELLY, J.

December 20, 1999

Before the Court is a pleading filed by defendant, Michael Armstrong, entitled "Emergency Bail Reduction or Reinstate R.O.R. (Contract U.C.C.1). Mr. Armstrong did not serve the United States Attorney with a copy of his motion. Apparently Mr. Armstrong believes that he has a contract with the United States Attorney for release on bail under his own recognizance. The pleading is incomprehensible and apparently based on a belief that the Uniform Commercial Code covers the issues contained in his motion. Mr. Armstrong has court-appointed counsel for him and it is apparent that court-appointed counsel did not participate in the preparation of this motion.

At the bail discussion in this matter, it was brought to the Court's attention that Mr. Armstrong is facing a 20 year to life imprisonment if he is convicted in this matter. He also has a previous drug conviction. There is nothing in defendant's motion which addresses the usual reasons why bail should be

reduced or that he be permitted to sign his own bail.

The Court enters the following Order:

1. The motion filed by the defendant is void of any legal reason why bail should be reduced.

2. Defendant's motion is DISMISSED without prejudice for defense counsel to file whatever motion relative to bail that he believes is appropriate in this matter.

BY THE COURT:

JAMES MCGIRR KELLY, J.