

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ZAKIYA GASKINS,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, et al.,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 15-cv-2065 (TSC)

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Plaintiff Zakiya Gaskins brings this writ of habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Gaskins was sentenced by a District of Columbia Superior Court judge to 90 months imprisonment and 10 years supervised release for child sex abuse. In this action, Gaskins claims that her sentence violated her constitutional right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment.

On April 13, 2016, the court issued an order advising Plaintiff, who is represented by counsel, that she had until May 10, 2016 to show cause why the court should not dismiss this action for lack of jurisdiction. *See* D.C. Code § 23-110(g); § 23-110(a); *Williams v. Martinez*, 586 F.3d 995, 998 (D.C. Cir. 2009) (federal courts do not have jurisdiction to hear habeas petitions by prisoners who could have raised their claims in the District of Columbia courts under D.C. code § 23-110(a). The court also advised Plaintiff that if she failed to respond to the show cause order, she risked dismissal of this action without further notice.

Plaintiff has not responded to the show cause order, nor has she sought an extension of time in which to respond. Accordingly, the court will dismiss this action.

Date: May 16, 2016

*Tanya S. Chutkan*

TANYA S. CHUTKAN  
United States District Judge