IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,))
v.) Case No. 11-00223-08-CR-W-ODS
ROBERT E. MORRIS,)
Defendant.)

ORDER APPOINTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT COUNSEL

Defendant Robert E. Morris appeared before the undersigned for a scheduled arraignment on October 6, 2011. At the arraignment, defendant Morris was advised of his options for proceeding in this case, i.e. that counsel could be appointed to represent him, that he could hire counsel or that he could choose to represent himself. Defendant Morris stated that he wished to represent himself. However, when the Court questioned defendant Morris to determine whether he was knowingly waiving his right to counsel, defendant expressed that he did not understand the proceedings nor the penalties he was facing. Until defendant Morris has communicated an understanding of the nature of the proceedings and the penalties he is facing in this action, the Court cannot allow him to represent himself. Therefore, the Court is appointing counsel to represent defendant Morris.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that Robin D. Fowler is appointed to represent defendant Morris in all proceedings.

/s/ Sarah W. Hays
SARAH W. HAYS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE