

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 20-2615

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Jorge Guzman-Araujo, also known as Luciano Lopez Valenzuela, also known as
Jorge Guzman, also known as Luciano Valenzuela Lopez

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City

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Before SHEPHERD, GRASZ, and KOBES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Jorge Guzman-Araujo appeals the sentence the district court¹ imposed after he pleaded guilty to drug and immigration offenses, pursuant to a plea agreement containing an appeal waiver. His counsel has moved for leave to withdraw, and has filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), challenging the sentence.

Upon careful review, we conclude that the appeal waiver is valid, enforceable, and applicable to the issue raised in this appeal. See United States v. Scott, 627 F.3d 702, 704 (8th Cir. 2010) (validity and applicability of an appeal waiver is reviewed de novo); United States v. Andis, 333 F.3d 886, 889-92 (8th Cir. 2003) (en banc) (appeal waiver will be enforced if the appeal falls within the scope of the waiver, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily entered into the plea agreement and the waiver, and enforcing the waiver would not result in a miscarriage of justice). We have also independently reviewed the record under Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), and have found no non-frivolous issues for appeal falling outside the scope of the waiver. Accordingly, we dismiss this appeal based on the appeal waiver, and we grant counsel's motion to withdraw.

¹The Honorable Greg Kays, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.