

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 24-1097

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Jeffery Turner

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Northern District of Iowa - Eastern

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Before SMITH, GRUENDER, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Jeffery Turner received a 360-month prison sentence after being convicted of various drug crimes. See 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A), (b)(1)(B), 846. He argues the district court¹ abused its discretion when it denied a downward variance.

¹The Honorable C.J. Williams, then District Judge, now Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

We conclude otherwise. *See United States v. Angeles-Moctezuma*, 927 F.3d 1033, 1037 (8th Cir. 2019) (reviewing for an abuse of discretion). The district court sufficiently considered the statutory sentencing factors, 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and “made an individualized assessment based on the facts presented.” *United States v. Becerra*, 958 F.3d 725, 731 (8th Cir. 2020) (citation omitted). Among the reasons for denying a variance were the “very large quantities” of methamphetamine Turner distributed and the damage it caused to the community. The court also reviewed several mitigating factors, including his drug addiction and mental-health difficulties, but noted that neither explained why he dealt in such large quantities of drugs. A mere disagreement with the weight given to these factors, absent something more, is no reason to reverse. *United States v. Bell-Washington*, 125 F.4th 870, 873 (8th Cir. 2025) (per curiam) (requiring a “clear error of judgment” (citation omitted)). We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court.
