

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 25-1440

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Jaime Alejandro Aguirre-Rea

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the District of Minnesota

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[Unpublished]

Before SMITH, GRASZ, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Four years into a 150-month sentence for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, *see* 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A), 846, Jaime Aguirre-Rea requested a sentence reduction, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2). Both a pro se

supplemental brief and his counsel, who seeks permission to withdraw, suggest that the district court¹ failed to properly explain why he did not receive one.

We conclude otherwise. The district court found Aguirre-Rea eligible and calculated the new recommended sentencing range, but denied a reduction because of “his involvement in the conspiracy and the severity of his criminal conduct.” See *United States v. Alaniz*, 961 F.3d 998, 1000 (8th Cir. 2020) (per curiam) (reviewing for an abuse of discretion). In doing so, it “was aware of the relevant factors,” sufficiently considered them, and did not rely on an improper factor or commit a clear error of judgment. *United States v. Rodd*, 966 F.3d 740, 748 (8th Cir. 2020) (citation omitted); see *id.* (explaining that “disagree[ment] with how the district court balanced the [18 U.S.C.] § 3553(a) factors . . . is not a sufficient ground for reversal” (citation omitted)). We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court and grant counsel permission to withdraw.

¹The Honorable Joan N. Ericksen, United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.