

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 24-3561

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Ricardo Cole

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Missouri - St. Louis

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Before LOKEN, GRUENDER, and ERICKSON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Ricardo Cole appeals the below-Guidelines sentence the district court¹ imposed after he pleaded guilty to a firearms offense. His counsel has moved for leave to

¹The Honorable Henry E. Autrey, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

withdraw, and has filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), challenging the substantive reasonableness of the sentence.

Upon careful review, we conclude that the district court did not impose a substantively unreasonable sentence. See United States v. Feemster, 572 F.3d 455, 461-62 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc) (reviewing sentence under deferential abuse-of-discretion standard; discussing substantive reasonableness); United States v. McCauley, 715 F.3d 1119, 1127 (8th Cir. 2013) (noting when a district court has varied below the Guidelines range, it is “nearly inconceivable” that the court abused its discretion by not varying downward further). In addition, having independently reviewed the record pursuant to Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), we find no nonfrivolous issues for appeal. Accordingly, we grant counsel leave to withdraw, and we affirm.
