

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 25-1068

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Macalla Lee Knott, also known as Kayla

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the District of North Dakota - Eastern

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Before SMITH, GRUENDER, and GRASZ, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Macalla Knott appeals the sentence the district court¹ imposed after she pleaded guilty to drug and international money-laundering offenses pursuant to a written plea

¹The Honorable Peter D. Welte, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota.

agreement containing an appeal waiver. She argues that this court should decline to enforce the appeal waiver and that her prison sentence is substantively unreasonable.

Upon careful review, we conclude that the appeal waiver is valid, applicable, and enforceable. *See United States v. Scott*, 627 F.3d 702, 704 (8th Cir. 2010) (reviewing *de novo* the validity and applicability of an appeal waiver). Knott's challenge to the substantive reasonableness of her sentence falls within the scope of the appeal waiver, the record reflects that she entered into the plea agreement and waiver knowingly and voluntarily, and enforcing the waiver will not result in a miscarriage of justice. *See United States v. Andis*, 333 F.3d 886, 889-92 (8th Cir. 2003) (en banc) (discussing the enforceability of appeal waivers).

Accordingly, we dismiss the appeal.
