

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 25-1958

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Jessica Rochelle Peters

Defendant - Appellant

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

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Before SMITH, SHEPHERD, and ERICKSON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Jessica Peters appeals the below-Guidelines sentence the district court¹ imposed after she pleaded guilty to child pornography offenses. Her counsel has

¹The Honorable Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

moved for leave to withdraw, and has filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), challenging the substantive reasonableness of the sentence. Peters has moved for appointment of new counsel.

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 Penon v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), we find no non-frivolous issues for appeal. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment, grant counsel’s motion to withdraw, deny Peters’s motion for new counsel, and deny any further extension of time to file a supplemental brief.
