

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 26-1170

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Ronald Finney

Defendant - Appellant

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

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Before ERICKSON, GRASZ, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Ronald Finney received a 130-month sentence after he pleaded guilty to firearm and drug offenses. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1); 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 846.

An *Anders* brief suggests the district court¹ imposed a substantively unreasonable sentence. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967).

Upon careful review, we conclude that an enforceable appeal waiver covers this issue. *See United States v. Scott*, 627 F.3d 702, 704 (8th Cir. 2010) (reviewing the validity of an appeal waiver de novo); *United States v. Andis*, 333 F.3d 886, 889–92 (8th Cir. 2003) (en banc) (explaining that an appeal waiver will be enforced if the appeal falls within its scope, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily entered into the plea agreement and the waiver, and enforcing the waiver would not result in a miscarriage of justice); *see also Hunter v. United States*, 146 S. Ct. 1702, 1714 (2026) (confirming that the miscarriage-of-justice exception is “narrow” (quoting *Andis*, 333 F.3d at 891)). We have also independently reviewed the record and conclude that no other non-frivolous issues exist. *See Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82–83 (1988). We accordingly dismiss the appeal and grant counsel permission to withdraw.

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