

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 25-2175

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

James Charles Hart

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Arkansas - Northern

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Before GRASZ, ERICKSON, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

After pleading guilty to a firearms charge, James Hart received a 144-month prison sentence. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(6). He argues that the district court¹ should not have varied upward and the sentence is substantively unreasonable.

¹The Honorable Lee P. Rudofsky, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

We conclude otherwise. *See United States v. Feemster*, 572 F.3d 455, 461 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc) (reviewing sentences, even those “outside the Guidelines range,” under “a deferential abuse-of-discretion standard” (citation omitted)). The record shows that the district court sufficiently considered the statutory sentencing factors, *see* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and did not rely on an improper factor or commit a clear error of judgment. *See United States v. Parker*, 112 F.4th 621, 623 (8th Cir. 2024) (per curiam) (explaining that the district court has “discretion” to give mitigating factors “less weight than other factors,” including those “partially accounted for by the Guidelines”). We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court.
