

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 26-1657

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Simon Anaya Sanchez

Defendant - Appellant

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

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Before GRASZ, KOBES, and TRAYNOR, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Simon Sanchez appeals after he pled guilty to drug and firearm offenses, pursuant to a written plea agreement. His counsel has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief under *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), discussing

whether the guilty plea was valid and whether the district court¹ imposed an unreasonable sentence.

We conclude that Sanchez's guilty plea was knowing and voluntary, *see Nguyen v. United States*, 114 F.3d 699, 703 (8th Cir. 1997), and that the district court did not abuse its discretion in sentencing him, *see United States v. Feemster*, 572 F.3d 455, 461 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc). Further, we have independently reviewed the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), and found no non-frivolous issues for appeal. Accordingly, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm.

¹The Honorable Stephanie M. Rose, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.