NONPRECEDENTIAL DISPOSITION

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United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit Chicago, Illinois 60604

Submitted July 25, 2007 Decided July 26, 2007

Before

Hon. WILLIAM J. BAUER, Circuit Judge

Hon. RICHARD D. CUDAHY, Circuit Judge

Hon. MICHAEL S. KANNE, Circuit Judge

No. 06-3643

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

OMARI ANDREWS,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 04-CR-860-1

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Judge.

Illinois, Eastern Division

Appeal from the United States District

Court for the Northern District of

ORDER

Omari Andrews pleaded guilty to one count of possessing crack with intent to distribute, see 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), and one count of possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, see 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A). In his plea agreement Andrews waived any right to appeal his convictions or sentences, but he nevertheless filed a notice of appeal. His appointed lawyer now moves to withdraw because he cannot discern a nonfrivolous basis for the appeal. See Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Andrews has not accepted our invitation to comment on counsel's motion. See Cir. R. 51(b). Because counsel's supporting brief is facially adequate, we limit our review to the potential issues identified by counsel. See United States v. Tabb, 125 F.3d 583, 584 (7th Cir. 1997).

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Andrews promised in his plea agreement to forego challenging his convictions or sentences so long as the district court sentenced him within the statutory maximum and ran the federal terms of imprisonment concurrent with Andrews's prior undischarged state term of imprisonment. Andrews was subject to a maximum of 40 years' imprisonment on the drug count, see 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(B)(iii), and life on the firearm count, see 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i). The district court sentenced him to a total of 97 months (which was 50 months below the guidelines range) to run concurrently with his state sentence. Accordingly, Andrews is bound by the appeal waiver unless he wants his entire plea agreement set aside. See United States v. Whitlow, 287 F.3d 638, 640 (7th Cir. 2002); United States v. Hare, 269 F.3d 859, 860 (7th Cir. 2001) (explaining that a "waiver of appeal is valid, and must be enforced, unless the agreement in which it is contained is annulled"). And counsel advises that Andrews does not seek this relief.

To the extent that counsel considers whether Andrews could challenge the execution of his sentence, counsel is correct that the issue would be beyond the scope of direct appeal. See Walker v. O'Brien, 216 F.3d 626, 629 (7th Cir. 2000) (explaining that challenges to duration of prisoner's confinement must be brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 after exhaustion of administrative remedies).

We therefore GRANT counsel's motion to withdraw and DISMISS the appeal.