## NONPRECEDENTIAL DISPOSITION

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## United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit Chicago, Illinois 60604

Submitted September 24, 2009 Decided November 12, 2009

**Before** 

WILLIAM J. BAUER, Circuit Judge

JOEL M. FLAUM, Circuit Judge

DIANE P. WOOD, Circuit Judge

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff-Appellee		] Appeal from the United ] States District Court for
Piaincili-Appellee		the Northern District of
No. 09-1349		Indiana, Hammond Division.
STEPHEN GOLDEN,		] No. 2:94-cr-00086-RL-1
Defendant-Appellan	t.	]
		] Rudy Lozano, <i>Judge</i> .

## ORDER

A § 3582(c)(2) request for sentence modification is discretionary, *United States v. Cunningham*, 554 F.3d 703, 707 (7th Cir. 2009), even for defendant Stephen Golden whose Guideline range was lowered to 360 months to life from a range of life, and despite Golden's argument to the contrary a district judge is permitted to have a sentence alone which is what the judge did in Golden's case. <u>Id</u>. The district judge did not abuse his discretion in handling Golden's § 3582(c)(2) motion. And, like his decision whether to grant a sentence reduction, the district judge's decision not to conduct a hearing is committed to his discretion. *United States v. Young*, 555 F.3d 611, 615 (7th Cir. 2009).

AFFIRMED.