United States Court of Appeals

For the Eighth Circuit

 No. 13-3456
United States of America
Plaintiff - Appellee
v.
Russell L. Ford
Defendant - Appellan

Appeal from United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Springfield

Submitted: July 7, 2014 Filed: July 10, 2011 [Unpublished]

Before GRUENDER, BOWMAN, and SHEPHERD, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Russell Ford pleaded guilty to one count of failing to register as a sex offender and was sentenced by the District Court¹ to eighteen months in prison. Ford then

¹The Honorable Beth Phillips, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

initiated a direct criminal appeal, and his counsel filed a brief under <u>Anders v. California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and moved to withdraw. Ford thereafter filed a pro se motion to dismiss his appeal. We now grant Ford's motion, and we dismiss this appeal. <u>See Fed. R. App. P. 42(b)</u>. In addition, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw.