

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 23-3149

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Jason William Ballou

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Northern District of Iowa

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[Unpublished]

Before BENTON, GRASZ, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Jason Ballou appeals after he pled guilty to a firearm offense and the district court¹ imposed a sentence within the United States Sentencing Guidelines Manual

¹The Honorable Leonard T. Strand, then Chief Judge, now United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

range. His counsel has filed a brief under *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and seeks leave to withdraw.

After careful independent review under *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), we find no basis for a nonfrivolous challenge to Ballou's conviction, and we also conclude the district court did not abuse its discretion in sentencing Ballou. *See United States v. Feemster*, 572 F.3d 455, 461-62 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc) (standard of review); *see also United States v. Callaway*, 762 F.3d 754, 760-61 (8th Cir. 2014) ("A sentence which falls within the guideline range is presumed to be reasonable[.]") Accordingly, we grant counsel leave to withdraw and affirm.
