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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY CHASE,

Defendant-Appellant.

No. 16-30136

D.C. No. 1:15-cr-00095-SPW

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Montana
Susan P. Watters, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 11, 2017**

Before: GOULD, CLIFTON, and HURWITZ, Circuit Judges.

Christopher Bradley Chase appeals from the district court's judgment and challenges the 32-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2). Accordingly, Chase's request for oral argument is denied.

being a felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.

Chase contends that his sentence is substantively unreasonable in light of his pre-sentencing rehabilitation and the minimal risk he believes he poses to the public in view of his recovery. The court did not abuse its discretion in imposing Chase's sentence. *See Gall v. United States*, 552 U.S. 38, 51 (2007). The court varied downward 14 months to account for Chase's mitigating circumstances. The below-Guidelines sentence is substantively reasonable in light of the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) sentencing factors and the totality of the circumstances, including the number and nature of the guns Chase obtained and the other circumstances of the offense. *See Gall*, 552 U.S. at 51.

AFFIRMED.