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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 17-30003

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. No. 2:04-cr-00278-RAJ

v.

MEMORANDUM\*

JAMES TEMPLETON,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Washington  
Richard A. Jones, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 18, 2017\*\*

Before: WALLACE, SILVERMAN, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

James Templeton appeals from the district court's order denying his motion for a sentence reduction under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.

Templeton contends that he is eligible for a sentence reduction under

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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).

Amendment 782 to the Sentencing Guidelines. We review de novo whether a district court had authority to modify a sentence under section 3582(c)(2). *See United States v. Leniear*, 574 F.3d 668, 672 (9th Cir. 2009). Contrary to Templeton’s contention, section 3582(c)(2) did not authorize the district court to apply a two-level reduction for safety valve because such a reduction was not applied at Templeton’s original sentencing. *See* U.S.S.G. § 1B.10(b)(1) (when determining a defendant’s amended guideline range, the court “shall substitute only the [amended provisions] for the corresponding guideline provisions that were applied when the defendant was sentenced and shall leave all other guideline application decisions unaffected”); *Dillon v. United States*, 560 U.S. 817, 827 (2010). This is true even if the district court erred by failing to apply a safety valve reduction at the original sentencing. *See Dillon*, 560 U.S. at 831. Because Templeton’s 240-month sentence is below his amended guideline range of 262 to 327 months, he is ineligible for a reduction. *See* U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10(b)(2)(A) (the district court may not reduce a defendant’s sentence “to a term that is less than the minimum of the amended guideline range”).

**AFFIRMED.**