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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 13-4742

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

NICHOLAS ANTONIO COOPER,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, at Greensboro. James A. Beaty, Jr., District Judge. (1:07-cr-00328-JAB-1)

Submitted: April 18, 2014

Before KING, GREGORY, and FLOYD, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

William S. Trivette, Greensboro, North Carolina, for Appellant. Michael A. DeFranco, Assistant United States Attorney, Greensboro, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

Decided: April 24, 2014

PER CURIAM:

Nicholas Antonio Cooper appeals the eight-month sentence of imprisonment imposed by the district court after revocation of his supervised release. Counsel has filed a brief in accordance with <u>Anders v. California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), certifying that there are no meritorious grounds for appeal but questioning whether Cooper's sentence is plainly unreasonable. Although notified of his right to do so, Cooper has not filed a supplemental brief. We affirm.

"A district court has broad discretion when imposing a sentence upon revocation of supervised release." <u>United States</u> <u>v. Webb</u>, 738 F.3d 638, 640 (4th Cir. 2013). "We will affirm a revocation sentence if it is within the statutory maximum and is not "'plainly unreasonable.'" <u>Id.</u> (quoting <u>United States v.</u> <u>Crudup</u>, 461 F.3d 433, 439-40 (4th Cir. 2006)). "In making this determination, we first consider whether the sentence imposed is procedurally or substantively unreasonable." <u>Id.</u> Only if we so find, will "we . . . then decide whether the sentence is <u>plainly</u> unreasonable." <u>Crudup</u>, 461 F.3d at 439.

Here, the district court correctly calculated Cooper's advisory policy statement range and considered the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) (2012) factors applicable to sentencing upon revocation of supervised release. The district court also adequately explained the basis for Cooper's sentence. Thus, we

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conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in sentencing Cooper.

In accordance with Anders, we have reviewed the entire record and have found no meritorious grounds for appeal. We therefore affirm the district court's judgment. This court requires that counsel inform Cooper, in writing, of his right to petition the Supreme Court of the United States for further If Cooper requests that a petition be filed, but review. counsel believes that such a petition would be frivolous, counsel may move in this court for leave to withdraw from representation. Counsel's motion must state that a copy thereof was served on Cooper. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED

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