

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 20-6582**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOHN VALENTIN,

Defendant - Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at New Bern. James C. Dever III, District Judge. (4:11-cr-00114-D-1)

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Submitted: November 19, 2020

Decided: November 23, 2020

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Before WILKINSON, KING, and QUATTLEBAUM, Circuit Judges.

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Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

John Valentin appeals the district court's order denying his motion for a sentence reduction under section 404 of the First Step Act of 2018 ("First Step Act"), Pub. L. No. 115-391, 132 Stat. 5194. Although the court found Valentin eligible for relief, the court exercised its discretion not to reduce his sentence. In so doing, the court accurately described the record; considered Valentin's new Sentencing Guidelines range, the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors, and Valentin's arguments for a reduction; and explained its reasons for denying the motion. We therefore conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying Valentin's motion, and we affirm the court's judgment. *See United States v. Jackson*, 952 F.3d 492, 497 (4th Cir. 2020) (reviewing decision on First Step Act motion for abuse of discretion). 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*