

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 22-6795

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

ROBERT HAMPTON TAYLOR,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Raleigh. James C. Dever III, District Judge. (5:07-cr-00324-D-1)

Submitted: December 15, 2022

Decided: December 20, 2022

Before GREGORY, Chief Judge, and WILKINSON and DIAZ, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Robert Hampton Taylor, Appellant Pro Se. John Parks Newby, Assistant United States Attorney, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Robert Hampton Taylor appeals the district court's order denying relief on Taylor's 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i) motion for compassionate release based on the COVID-19 pandemic. We review the denial of a compassionate release motion for abuse of discretion. *United States v. Kibble*, 992 F.3d 326, 329 (4th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 142 S. Ct. 383 (2021).

Upon review of the record, we discern no abuse of discretion in the district court's alternative determination that the circumstances in this case, evaluated in light of the pertinent 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) sentencing factors, did not warrant the grant of compassionate release. *See United States v. High*, 997 F.3d 181, 187 (4th Cir. 2021). Accordingly, we affirm the district court's order. *United States v. Taylor*, No. 5:07-cr-00324-D-1 (E.D.N.C. July 5, 2022). 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