

United States Court of Appeals  
For the Eighth Circuit

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No. 20-1896

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United States of America

*Plaintiff - Appellee*

v.

Ambrose Rayshawn Spires, also known as Ambrose Spries

*Defendant - Appellant*

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Appeal from United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Iowa - Eastern

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Before ERICKSON, WOLLMAN, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

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PER CURIAM.

After considering a number of factors, the district court<sup>1</sup> reduced Ambrose Spires's life sentence to 360 months in prison under the First Step Act. *See* Pub. L.

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<sup>1</sup>The Honorable John A. Jarvey, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

No. 115-391, 132 Stat. 5194 (2018). Though he challenges the decision on a host of grounds, we affirm.

We conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion when it declined to reduce Spires’s sentence even further, *see United States v. Harris*, 960 F.3d 1103, 1106 (8th Cir. 2020) (articulating the standard of review), or when it denied his motion for reconsideration, *see United States v. King*, 854 F.3d 433, 443 (8th Cir. 2017) (same). Nor is a motion like this one the proper way to open a collateral attack on his original sentence. *See United States v. Moore*, 963 F.3d 725, 728 (8th Cir. 2020) (explaining how motions under the First Step Act are different from “original, plenary sentencing” proceedings); *see also United States v. Denson*, 963 F.3d 1080, 1089 (11th Cir. 2020) (refusing to entertain this type of attack).

We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court and grant counsel permission to withdraw.

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