

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 20-2654

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Antwan Elvago Coplen

Defendant - Appellant

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

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Before COLLOTON, BENTON, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

After considering a number of factors, the district court¹ reduced Antwan Coplen's life sentence to 360 months in prison under the First Step Act. *See* Pub. L.

¹The Honorable Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger, United States District Judge 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 Coplen’s sentence even further. *See United States v. Harris*, 960 F.3d 1103, 1106 (8th Cir. 2020) (articulating the standard of review). Nor is a motion like this one the proper way to challenge aspects of his original sentencing. *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 an attack on the original sentence in a sentence-reduction proceeding under the First Step Act).

We accordingly affirm the judgment of the district court, deny the pro se motion, and grant counsel permission to withdraw.
