

United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 21-1926

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Michael Johnathon Vela, also known as Michael Johnathan Vela

Defendant - Appellant

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

Submitted: October 26, 2021

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Before COLLOTON, SHEPHERD, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Michael Vela appeals the sentence imposed by the district court¹ after he pleaded guilty to a drug offense. His counsel has moved for leave to withdraw, and

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

has filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), arguing that the sentence was unreasonable.

Upon careful review, we conclude that the district court did not impose a substantively unreasonable sentence, as the court properly considered the factors listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and did not err in weighing the relevant factors. See United States v. Feemster, 572 F.3d 455, 461-62 (8th Cir. 2009) (sentences are reviewed for substantive reasonableness under deferential abuse of discretion standard; abuse of discretion occurs when court fails to consider relevant factor, gives significant weight to improper or irrelevant factor, or commits clear error of judgment in weighing appropriate factors).

We have also independently reviewed the record under Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), and we find no non-frivolous issues for appeal. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment, and we grant counsel's motion to withdraw.
