

**FOR PUBLICATION**  
**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**  
**FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>Plaintiff-Appellee,</i> v. ANDREW COLSON, <i>Defendant-Appellant.</i>
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No. 08-10287  
D.C. No.  
2:03-CR-00559-RCJ  
ORDER

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Nevada  
Robert C. Jones, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 23, 2009\*  
San Francisco, California

Filed July 23, 2009

Before: Alex Kozinski, Chief Judge, Michael Daly Hawkins  
and Ronald M. Gould, Circuit Judges.

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\*The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without  
oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

**ORDER**

Andrew Colson (“Colson”) appeals the district court’s discretionary denial of his 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) sentence reduction motion. Although we have previously held that such decisions are not reviewable on appeal, *see United States v. Lowe*, 136 F.3d 1231, 1233 (9th Cir. 1998), Colson argues that *Lowe* is no longer good law in light of *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), and *United States v. Carty*, 520 F.3d 984 (9th Cir. 2008) (en banc).

We agree. After *Booker* and *Carty* each of which held that any element of a sentencing decision, whether discretionary or not, may be “unreasonable” and therefore unlawful *Lowe*’s conclusion that discretionary sentencing decisions are unreviewable on appeal is no longer good law. We conclude that 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) sentence reduction decisions are reviewable in their entirety for abuse of discretion under 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

The order filed March 10, 2009, is hereby **VACATED**. The government’s Motion to Dismiss Appeal is **DENIED**, and its Motion to Toll Briefing Schedule During Pendency of Motion is **GRANTED**. The parties shall file their briefs within the time set forth in Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 31(a), commencing from the filed date of this order.



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