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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 United States of America,
10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 Jose Cruz Sanchez-Araiza,
13 Defendant/Movant.
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No. CV 14-169-PHX-DGC (DKD)
CR 13-681-PHX-DGC

ORDER

15 On January 24, 2014, Movant Jose Cruz Sanchez-Araiza, who is confined in the
16 Central Arizona Detention Center in Florence, Arizona, filed a *pro se* “Motion for Time
17 Reduction by an Inmate in Federal Custody, (28 U.S.C. § 2255).” In an Order dated
18 February 5, 2014, the Court denied the Motion and granted Movant 30 days to file an
19 amended motion on the court-approved form. On February 19, 2014, Movant filed a *pro*
20 *se* Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence by a Person
21 in Federal Custody (“Amended § 2255 Motion”) (Doc. 4). The Court will summarily
22 dismiss the Amended § 2255 Motion.

23 **I. Procedural History**

24 Pursuant to a plea agreement, Movant pled guilty to re-entry of removed alien, in
25 violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) with a possible sentencing enhancement pursuant to 8
26 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(1). The plea agreement provided for a sentencing range of two to ten
27 years. On January 6, 2014, the Court sentenced Movant to a 50-month term of
28 imprisonment followed by three years on supervised release.

1 In his Amended § 2255 Motion, Movant seeks a reduction of his sentence and
2 asserts one ground for relief, which he labels “Re-entry.” In support of this ground,
3 Movant states: “[t]his is my only reentry and 50 months is to[o] much for only this
4 indictment.”

5 **II. Summary Dismissal**

6 A district court must summarily dismiss a § 2255 application “[i]f it plainly
7 appears from the motion, any attached exhibits, and the record of prior proceedings that
8 the moving party is not entitled to relief.” Rule 4(b), Rules Governing Section 2255
9 Proceedings for the United States District Courts. When this standard is satisfied, neither
10 a hearing nor a response from the government is required. *See Marrow v. United States*,
11 772 F.2d 525, 526 (9th Cir. 1985); *Baumann v. United States*, 692 F.2d 565, 571 (9th Cir.
12 1982). In this case, the record shows that summary dismissal under Rule 4(b) is
13 warranted because Movant has waived the right to bring a § 2255 motion.

14 **III. Waiver**

15 Movant has waived challenges to his sentence. The Ninth Circuit Court of
16 Appeals has found that there are “strict standards for waiver of constitutional rights.”
17 *United States v. Gonzalez-Flores*, 418 F.3d 1093, 1102 (9th Cir. 2005). It is
18 impermissible to presume waiver from a silent record, and the Court must indulge every
19 reasonable presumption against waiver of fundamental constitutional rights. *United*
20 *States v. Hamilton*, 391 F.3d 1066, 1071 (9th Cir. 2004). In this action, Movant’s waiver
21 was clear, express, and unequivocal.

22 Plea agreements are contractual in nature, and their plain language will generally
23 be enforced if the agreement is clear and unambiguous on its face. *United States v.*
24 *Jeronimo*, 398 F.3d 1149, 1153 (9th Cir. 2005). A defendant may waive the statutory
25 right to bring a § 2255 action challenging the length of the sentence. *United States v.*
26 *Pruitt*, 32 F.3d 431, 433 (9th Cir. 1994); *United States v. Abarca*, 985 F.2d 1012, 1014
27 (9th Cir. 1992). The only claims that cannot be waived are claims that the waiver itself
28 was involuntary or that ineffective assistance of counsel rendered the waiver involuntary.

1 See *Washington v. Lampert*, 422 F.3d 864, 871 (9th Cir. 2005) (holding that a plea
2 agreement that waives the right to file a federal habeas petition pursuant to § 2254 is
3 unenforceable with respect to an ineffective assistance of counsel claim that challenges
4 the voluntariness of the waiver); *Pruitt*, 32 F.3d at 433 (expressing doubt that a plea
5 agreement could waive a claim that counsel erroneously induced a defendant to plead
6 guilty or accept a particular plea bargain); *Abarca*, 985 F.2d at 1014 (expressly declining
7 to hold that a waiver forecloses a claim of ineffective assistance or involuntariness of the
8 waiver); see also *Jeronimo*, 398 F.3d at 1156 n.4 (declining to decide whether waiver of
9 all statutory rights included claims implicating the voluntariness of the waiver).

10 “Collateral attacks based on ineffective assistance of counsel claims that are
11 characterized as falling outside [the category of ineffective assistance of counsel claims
12 challenging the validity of the plea or the waiver] are waivable.” *United States v.*
13 *Cockerham*, 237 F.3d 1179, 1187 (10th Cir. 2001); see also *Williams v. United States*,
14 396 F.3d 1340, 1342 (11th Cir. 2005) (joining the Second, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and
15 Tenth Circuits in holding that “a valid sentence-appeal waiver, entered into voluntarily
16 and knowingly, pursuant to a plea agreement, precludes the defendant from attempting to
17 attack, in a collateral proceeding, the sentence through a claim of ineffective assistance of
18 counsel during sentencing.”).

19 As part of Movant’s plea agreement, Movant made the following waiver:

20 Providing the defendant’s sentence is consistent with this agreement,
21 the defendant waives (1) any and all motions, defenses, probable
22 cause determinations, and objections that the defendant could assert
23 to the indictment or information; and (2) any right to file an appeal,
24 any collateral attack, and any other writ or motion that challenges
25 the conviction, an order of restitution or forfeiture, the entry of
26 judgment against the defendant, or any aspect of the defendant’s
27 sentence, including the manner in which the sentence is determined,
28 including but not limited to any appeals under 18 U.S.C. § 3742 and
motions under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2255. **The defendant
acknowledges that if the Court has sentenced the defendant
according to the terms of this agreement, this waiver shall result
in the dismissal of any appeal, collateral attack, or other motion**

1 **the defendant might file challenging the conviction, order of**
2 **restitution or forfeiture, or sentence in this case.**

3 (Doc. 30) (emphasis added). Movant indicated in the plea agreement that he had
4 discussed the terms with his attorney, agreed to the terms and conditions, and entered into
5 the plea voluntarily. (Doc. 30).

6 Movant's assertions in the § 2255 Motion all pertain to sentencing and do not
7 pertain to the voluntariness of the waiver. Movant expressly waived issues regarding the
8 imposition of sentence and expressly waived the right to bring a § 2255 motion. The
9 Court accepted the plea as voluntarily made. Consequently, the Court finds that Movant
10 waived the sentencing issues raised in the § 2255 Motion. Thus, the Court will
11 summarily dismiss the § 2255 Motion.

12 **IT IS ORDERED:**

13 (1) The Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct
14 Sentence (Doc. 32 in CR 13-681-PHX-DGC) is **denied** and the civil action opened in
15 connection with this Motion (CV 14-169-PHX-DGC (DKD)) is **dismissed with**
16 **prejudice**. The Clerk of Court must enter judgment accordingly.

17 (2) Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Cases, in the
18 event Movant files an appeal, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability
19 because reasonable jurists would not find the Court's procedural ruling debatable. *See*
20 *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

21 Dated this 7th day of May, 2014.

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26 David G. Campbell
27 United States District Judge
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