

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 23-10005  
Summary Calendar

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

CHRISTOPHER LEE GONZALES,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 5:16-CR-27-2

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Before KING, HIGGINSON, and WILLETT, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Christopher Lee Gonzales, federal prisoner # 54338-177, appeals the denial of his second motion for a reduction of his sentence (commonly known as a motion for compassionate release), filed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i). Gonzales contends that the district court erred because it failed to consider whether his family circumstances, a change in the law

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affecting his sentencing, his medical conditions, and his rehabilitation, when considered in the conjunctive, constituted extraordinary and compelling reasons warranting a sentence reduction.

Here, in addition to determining that Gonzales had failed to establish extraordinary and compelling reasons, the district court denied relief on the alternative ground that a sentence reduction was not warranted based on an application of the sentencing factors of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). We routinely affirm the denial of a compassionate release motion “where the district court’s weighing of the [§] 3553(a) factors can independently support its judgment.” *United States v. Jackson*, 27 F.4th 1088, 1092 (5th Cir. 2022).

As Gonzales raises no argument challenging the district court’s independent determination that the § 3553(a) factors did not warrant a sentence reduction in his case, he has abandoned the issue. *See Yohey v. Collins*, 985 F.2d 222, 224-25 (5th Cir. 1993). Accordingly, the decision of the district court is AFFIRMED.