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No. 23-30607
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

HECTOR BARRAGAN-ESPINO,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Louisiana
USDC No. 5:08-CR-121-1

Before JOLLY, HIGGINSON, and DUNCAN, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Hector Barragan-Espino, federal prisoner # 90054-098, appeals from the district court's denial of his 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i) motion for compassionate release. Barragan-Espino's compassionate release motion sought a reduction in the 300-month sentence of imprisonment imposed on

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his conviction of possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

As the district court determined, a prisoner cannot use a compassionate release motion “to challenge the legality or the duration of his sentence.” *United States v. Escajeda*, 58 F.4th 184, 187 (5th Cir. 2023). Separately, Barragan-Espino’s contentions as to a “change in law” are vague and conclusory, and he fails to identify any specific intervening change that would affect his sentence. He has not shown that the district court abused its discretion in denying his compassionate release motion. *See United States v. Chambliss*, 948 F.3d 691, 693 (5th Cir. 2020).

AFFIRMED.