

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-10464
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

KEIDRIC KEI VON BROWN,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:22-CR-146-1

Before KING, HAYNES, and GRAVES, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Keidric Kei Von Brown has appealed his conviction following a bench trial of possession of a machinegun. Brown asserts that the district court erred in permitting him to represent himself during the bench trial.

Criminal defendants have a Sixth Amendment right to counsel at critical stages of criminal proceedings against them. *See United States v.*

* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.

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Mesquiti, 854 F.3d 267, 271 (5th Cir. 2017). Defendants likewise have a right of self-representation. *See Faretta v. California*, 422 U.S. 809, 813-14 (1975).

Our review is de novo. *See Mesquiti*, 854 F.3d at 271. Here, the record reflects that Brown's waiver of his right to counsel was clear and unequivocal, *see Faretta*, 422 U.S. at 813-14, and the district court ensured that the waiver was knowing and intelligent, *see Mesquiti*, 854 F.3d at 272-74; *United States v. Davis*, 269 F.3d 514, 518 (5th Cir. 2001).

The judgment is AFFIRMED.