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for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 21-10741
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

KAMAU ALAN ISRAEL,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:14-CR-240-1

Before WIENER, DENNIS, and HAYNES, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Kamau Alan Israel, federal prisoner # 48851-177, appeals the district court's denial of his motion for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). He argues that he has shown extraordinary and compelling reasons warranting compassionate release due to his medical conditions and

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

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lingering symptoms from a COVID-19 infection. He further asserts that he does not pose a danger to the community as long as he is medicated for his schizophrenia.

We review the district court's decision to deny a prisoner's motion for compassionate release for an abuse of discretion. *United States v. Chambliss*, 948 F.3d 691, 693 (5th Cir. 2020). The district court found that Israel failed to show extraordinary and compelling reasons for release and, alternatively, that it would not reduce Israel's sentence as the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors did not weigh in favor of release.

Israel has not shown that the district court abused its discretion in finding that the § 3553(a) factors weighed against his release. *See Chambliss*, 948 F.3d at 693-64. The district court judge—who also presided over Israel's sentencing—was uniquely situated to apply and balance the § 3553(a) factors in considering whether compassionate release was warranted. *Id.* at 693.

The district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.