

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-40575
Summary Calendar

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

ANSON CHI,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:12-CR-155-1

Before JONES, HO, and WILSON, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

Anson Chi, federal prisoner # 44588-177, pleaded guilty to possession of an unregistered firearm and malicious use of explosive materials and was sentenced to a total of 240 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised release. He appeals the denial of his Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(g) motions for the return of firearms and ammunition seized by the Government filed in July and August 2025. The district court denied the

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motion because the Government had already disposed of the firearms and ammunition in early 2025. Chi has not identified any error in the district court's denial of his motion. Therefore, he has abandoned this issue by failing to brief it adequately. *See Yohey v. Collins*, 985 F.2d 222, 225 (5th Cir. 1993).

Nonetheless, the district court did not err in denying Chi's motion because the Government no longer possessed the property. *See Bailey v. United States*, 508 F.3d 736, 739-40 (5th Cir. 2007). To the extent that Chi argues that he should receive full value for the firearms, his claim fails because "the doctrine of sovereign immunity bars the award of monetary damages under Rule 41(g)." *Id.* at 740. Further, Chi has not shown that the district court violated his due process rights. *See Mathews v. Eldridge*, 424 U.S. 319, 335 (1976); *Serrano v. Customs and Border Patrol*, 975 F.3d 488, 497-502 (5th Cir. 2020).

AFFIRMED.