

# United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 25-50474  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

SONIA SUZANNE MATA,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 5:23-CR-577-1

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Before SMITH, HIGGINSON, and WILSON, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Sonia Mata pleaded guilty, per a plea agreement with an appeal waiver, of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and escape in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 751(a). Mata contends that the district court clearly erred in applying a four-level enhancement for possessing a firearm in connection with another felony offense. The

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

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government seeks to enforce the appeal waiver.

We review the enforceability of appeal waivers *de novo*. *United States v. Kelly*, 915 F.3d 344, 348 (5th Cir. 2019). “To determine whether an appeal of a sentence is barred by an appeal waiver provision in a plea agreement, we conduct a two-step inquiry: (1) whether the waiver was knowing and voluntary and (2) whether the waiver applies to the circumstances at hand, based on the plain language of the agreement.” *United States v. Bond*, 414 F.3d 542, 544 (5th Cir. 2005). The record confirms that both conditions are met here.

Accordingly, the appeal is DISMISSED.