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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 25-6610

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RAPHAEL A. RIVERA-RODRIGUEZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Wilmington. James C. Dever III, District Judge. (7:20-cr-00021-D-1)

Submitted: August 27, 2026 Decided: August 31, 2026

Before KING, HEYTENS, and BENJAMIN, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Raphael A. Rivera-Rodriguez, Appellant Pro Se. Lucy Partain Brown, Assistant United States Attorney, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Raphael A. Rivera-Rodriguez appeals the district court's order denying relief on his 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) motion for a sentence reduction. "We review a district court's decision [whether] to reduce a sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for abuse of discretion and its ruling as to the scope of its legal authority under § 3582(c)(2) de novo." *United States v. Mann*, 709 F.3d 301, 304 (4th Cir. 2013). Our review of the record reveals no error. The court clearly understood its authority to reduce Rivera-Rodriguez's sentence and recognized Rivera-Rodriguez's postsentencing conduct, but the court declined to grant a reduction based on its review of the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors.

Accordingly, we affirm the district court's order. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED