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### **United States Court of Appeals**

#### UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

## **Tenth Circuit**

#### FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

March 20, 2023

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

DOMINIC JAMES FREDRICKSEN,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 22-4067 (D.C. No. 2:19-CR-00407-JNP-1) (D. Utah)

# ORDER AND JUDGMENT\*

Before PHILLIPS, BALDOCK, and ROSSMAN, Circuit Judges.

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On January 9, 2020 Defendant Dominic Fredricksen pleaded guilty to one count of Use of Interstate Facilities to Transmit Information about a Minor in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2425. The district court sentenced Defendant to 60 months' imprisonment followed by a life term of supervised release. As part of his plea agreement, Defendant waived the right to appeal his conviction or sentence unless he received a sentence greater than 60 months imprisonment—the maximum under his guideline range.

<sup>\*</sup> After examining the briefs and appellate record, this panel has determined unanimously to honor the parties' request for a decision on the briefs without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(f); 10th Cir. R. 34.1(G). The case is therefore submitted without oral argument. This order and judgment is not binding precedent, except under the doctrines of law of the case, res judicata, and collateral estoppel. It may be cited, however, for its persuasive value consistent with Fed. R. App. P. 32.1 and 10th Cir. R. 32.1.

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Defendant nevertheless seeks to appeal his conviction on the ground that he received

ineffective assistance of counsel before the trial court. After carefully reviewing this case,

Defendant's appellate counsel concluded there were no factually or legally non-frivolous

grounds on which to raise an appeal. Accordingly, Defendant's counsel filed an *Anders* 

brief and a motion to withdraw as counsel. See Anders v. California, 386 U.S. (1967).

Defendant did not respond to his counsel's *Anders* brief.

We have reviewed the record and counsel's Anders brief and agree there are no non-

frivolous grounds on which Defendant can appeal. Notwithstanding the appellate waiver

in Defendant's plea agreement, ineffective assistance of counsel claims are appropriately

raised in collateral proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. United States v. Galloway, 56

F.3d 1239, 1240 (10th Cir. 1995) (en banc) ("Ineffective assistance of counsel claims

should be brought in collateral proceedings, not on direct appeal."). Although there are

exceptions to this rule, see *United States v. Gallegos*, 108 F.3d 1272, 1280 (10th Cir. 1997),

none apply in this case. Defendant must raise the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel

in a proceeding under § 2255, should he choose to do so.

We therefore AFFIRM the district court's judgment, GRANT counsel's motion to

withdraw, and DISMISS Defendant's ineffective assistance of counsel claims WITHOUT

**PREJUDICE** so that he may properly raise them in a collateral proceeding if he so desires.

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Entered for the Court

Bobby R. Baldock Circuit Judge