

No. \_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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## APPENDIX A

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

No. 18-10686  
Summary Calendar

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**FILED**  
March 25, 2019

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:14-CR-206-1

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Before HIGGINBOTHAM, ELROD, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Michael Zachariah Gomez appeals the 36-month sentence imposed following revocation of his supervised release term on substantive unreasonableness grounds. He contends that the district court gave no weight to the policy statement range of 4 to 10 months or to most of the relevant factors in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) while giving too much weight to a single § 3553(a) factor, deterrence.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

No. 18-10686

We review Gomez's sentence under the "plainly unreasonable standard," which is highly deferential. *See United States v. Warren*, 720 F.3d 321, 326 (5th Cir. 2013) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). We recognize that Gomez's sentence was well above the policy-statement range, but "[w]e have routinely affirmed revocation sentences exceeding the advisory range, even where the sentence equals the statutory maximum." *Id.* at 332 (collecting cases). Moreover, Gomez has not established that the sentencing judge considered only deterrence while ignoring other factors. The judge's statements about Gomez's crimes while on parole speak to Gomez's "history and characteristics," as well as the need to "protect the public from further crimes." *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) (listing sentencing factors). Given the deference owed to the district court's sentencing decision, Gomez has not established that his 36-month sentence was substantively unreasonable. *See Warren*, 720 F.3d at 326.

AFFIRMED.

## APPENDIX B

**United States District Court**Northern District of Texas  
Fort Worth Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case Number 4:14-CR-206-O (01)

MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Defendant.

USM Number 37034-177

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
(For Revocation of Probation or Supervised Release)  
(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

The defendant, MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ, was represented by Michael Lehmann.

**THE DEFENDANT:**

Plead true to violating Mandatory Condition No.1. The Court finds and concludes it is true that he violated these conditions.

**See Petitions for Offender Under Supervision.**

Certified copy of the Judgment imposed on November 4, 2008, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Midland Division, is attached.

As pronounced on May 21, 2018, the defendant is sentenced as provided on page 2 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Signed this the 25th day of May, 2018.  
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REED O'CONNOR  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Case Number: 4:14-CR-206-O (01)

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**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to be imprisoned for a term of **THIRTY-SIX (36)** months.

Defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

**RESTITUTION**

The Court does not order a fine or costs of incarceration because the defendant does not have the financial resources or future earning capacity to pay a fine or costs of incarceration.

Restitution is not ordered because there is no victim other than society at large.

**RETURN**

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

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Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal

United States District Court

Northern District of Texas  
Fort Worth Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Case Number 4:14-CR-206-O (01)

MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Defendant.

USM Number 37034-177

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
(For Revocation of Probation or Supervised Release)  
(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

The defendant, MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ, was represented by Peter Fleury.

**THE DEFENDANT:**

Pleaded true to violating Mandatory Conditions Nos. 1 and 2. In addition, the defendant entered a plea of true to violating Standard Conditons No. 7. The Court finds and concludes it is true that he violated these conditions.

**See Petitions for Offender Under Supervision.**

Certified copy of the Judgment imposed on November 4, 2008, in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, Midland Division, is attached.

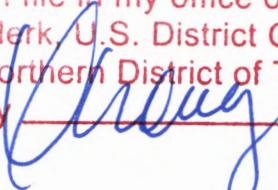
As pronounced on September 28, 2015, the defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 and 3 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Signed this the 28th day of September, 2015.

  
REED O'CONNOR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Certified a true copy of an instrument  
on file in my office on 5/25/2018  
Clerk, U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of Texas  
By  Deputy

Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ

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Case Number: 4:14-CR-206-O (01)

**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to be imprisoned for a term of **THREE (3)** months. This sentence shall run concurrently with any sentence imposed by Tarrant County Court of Law #4, in Case No. 1379547D.

Defendant is allowed to voluntarily surrender on or before 2:00pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of **EIGHTEEN (18)** months.

While on supervised release, in compliance with the standard conditions of supervision adopted by the United States Sentencing Commission, the defendant shall:

- ( 1) not leave the judicial district without the permission of the Court or probation officer;
- ( 2) report to the probation officer as directed by the Court or probation officer and submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five (5) days of each month;
- ( 3) answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- ( 4) support the defendant's dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- ( 5) work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- ( 6) notify the probation officer within seventy-two (72) hours of any change in residence or employment;
- ( 7) refrain from excessive use of alcohol and not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- ( 8) not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- ( 9) not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- (10) permit a probation officer to visit the defendant at any time at home or elsewhere and permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
- (11) notify the probation officer within seventy-two (72) hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- (12) not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the Court; and
- (13) notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics, and permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement, as directed by the probation officer.

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In addition, the defendant shall:

comply with all of the terms and conditions originally imposed by the Court on November 4, 2008  
(Original Judgment attached).

**RESTITUTION**

The Court does not order a fine or costs of incarceration because the defendant does not have the financial resources or future earning capacity to pay a fine or costs of incarceration.

Restitution is not ordered because there is no victim other than society at large.

**RETURN**

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

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Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States Marshal

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Marshal

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**FILED**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Western District of Texas

MIDLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ

Defendant.

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

The defendant, MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ, was represented by Brian Chavez.

On motion of the United States, the Court has dismissed Count(s) 1, paragraph b, with prejudice.

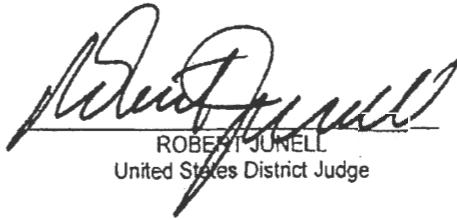
The defendant pled guilty to Count(s) 1 paragraph a of the Indictment on August 18, 2008. Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of such Count(s), involving the following offense(s):

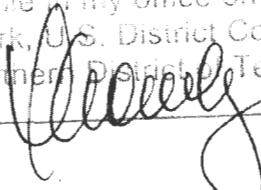
<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count (s)</u>
21 U. S. C. § 841(a)(1)	Conspiracy to Possess with Intent	December 13, 2007	1a
21 U. S. C. § 841(b)(1)(A)	To Distribute 50 Grams or More of Methamphetamine		
21 U. S. C. § 846			

As pronounced on November 4, 2008, the defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 6 of this Judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

It is further ordered that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this Judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the Court and United States Attorney of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

Signed this the 5 day of November, 2008.

  
ROBERT JUNELL  
United States District Judge

Certified a true copy of an instrument  
on file in my office on 9/28/2015  
Clerk, U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of Texas  
By  Deputy

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Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Case Number: 7:08-CR-049-02 RAJ

**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 57 months.

The Court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

That the defendant serve this sentence at F. C. I., Fort Worth.

That if eligible, the defendant participate in the 500 - Hour Intensive Drug Abuse Education Program.

That the defendant participate in the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Education Program and acquire his GED while incarcerated.

That the defendant participate in a mental health program while incarcerated.

The defendant shall remain in custody pending service of sentence.

**RETURN**

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on 3-6-09 to FPC Yankton, with a certified copy of this Judgment.  
at Yankton, SD  
Archie B. Longley, Warden

United States Marshal  
By [Signature]  
Deputy Marshal

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Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Case Number: 7:08-CR-049-02 RAJ

**SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of Five (5) years.

While on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the mandatory, standard and if applicable, the special conditions that have been adopted by this Court as set forth on pages 4 and 5 of this judgment; and shall comply with the following additional conditions:

- The defendant shall not be permitted to reside any place where firearms are possessed or stored.
- The defendant shall abstain from the use of alcohol and/or all other intoxicants during the term of supervision.
- The defendant shall establish an account with the Texas Attorney General's office for the support of his minor child unless he weds the mother of said child.
- The defendant shall have no contact with his co-defendants, or any of the defendants in the related cases of 7:07-CR-141, 7:08-CR-031, 7:08-CR-056, 7:08-CR-92 or 7:07-CR-219, whether by phone, e-mail, fax, letter or in person, during the term of supervision.

Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ

Case Number: 7:08-CR-049-02 RAJ

**CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

**Mandatory Conditions:**

- 1) The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
- 2) The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
- 3) In supervised release cases only, the defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from custody of the Bureau of Prisons.
- 4) If convicted of a felony, the defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon.
- 5) The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer if the collection of such a sample is authorized pursuant to section 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. § 1413a).
- 6) If convicted of a sexual offense as described in 18 U.S.C. § 4042(c)(4), the defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer.
- 7) If convicted of a domestic violence crime as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3561(b), the defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence.
- 8) If the judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervision that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of the judgment.

**Standard Conditions:**

- 1) The defendant shall not leave the judicial district without permission of the court or probation officer.
- 2) The defendant shall report to the Probation Officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month.
- 3) The defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the Probation Officer and follow the instructions of the Probation Officer.
- 4) The defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities.
- 5) The defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the Probation Officer for schooling, training or other acceptable reasons.
- 6) The defendant shall notify the Probation Officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment.
- 7) The defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substance, except as prescribed by a physician.
- 8) The defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered.
- 9) The defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the Probation Officer.
- 10) The defendant shall permit a Probation Officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the Probation Officer.
- 11) The defendant shall notify the Probation Officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer.
- 12) The defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the Court.
- 13) As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ

Case Number: 7:08-CR-049-02 RAJ

- 14) If convicted of a sexual offense as described in 18 U.S.C. § 4042(c)(4), or has a prior conviction of a State or local offense that would have been an offense as described in 18 U.S.C. § 4042 (c)(4) if a circumstance giving rise to Federal jurisdiction had existed, the defendant shall participate in a sex offender treatment program approved by the probation officer. The defendant shall abide by all program rules, requirements and conditions of the sex offender treatment program, including submission to polygraph testing, to determine if the defendant is in compliance with the conditions of release. The defendant may be required to contribute to the cost of the services rendered (copayment) in an amount to be determined by the probation officer, based on the defendant's ability to pay.
- 15) The defendant shall submit to an evaluation for substance abuse or dependency treatment as directed by the probation officer, and if deemed necessary by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in a program approved by the probation officer for treatment of narcotic addiction or drug or alcohol dependency which may include testing and examination to determine if the defendant has reverted to the use of drugs or alcohol. The defendant may be required to contribute to the cost of the services rendered (copayment) in an amount to be determined by the probation officer, based upon the defendant's ability to pay.
- 16) The defendant shall submit to an evaluation for mental health counseling as directed by the probation officer, and if deemed necessary by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in a mental health program approved by the probation officer. The defendant may be required to contribute to the cost of the services rendered (copayment) in an amount to be determined by the probation officer, based upon the defendant's ability to pay.
- 17) If the defendant is excluded, deported, or removed upon release from imprisonment, the term of supervised release shall be a non-reporting term of supervised release. The defendant shall not illegally re-enter the United States. If the defendant lawfully re-enters the United States during the term of supervised release, the defendant shall immediately report in person to the nearest U.S. Probation Office.
- 18) If the judgment imposes other criminal monetary penalties, it is a condition of supervision that the defendant pay such penalties in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of the Judgment.
- 19) If the judgment imposes a fine, special assessment, restitution, or other criminal monetary penalties, it is a condition of supervision that the defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information.
- 20) If the judgment imposes a fine, special assessment, restitution, or other criminal monetary penalties, it is a condition of supervision that the defendant shall not incur any new credit charges or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer unless the defendant is in compliance with the payment schedule.

The Court further adopts such of the following special conditions applied to the supervised person by the judge at the time of sentencing:

- 1) **COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT:** The defendant shall reside in a Community Corrections Center for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months to commence on \_\_\_\_\_. Further, once employed, the defendant shall pay 25% of his/her weekly gross income for his/her subsistence as long as that amount does not exceed the daily contract rate.
- 2) **HOME DETENTION:** The defendant shall participate in the Home Confinement Program for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ days/months. During this time the defendant shall remain at his/her place of residence except for employment and other activities approved in advance by the probation officer. The defendant shall maintain a telephone at his/her place of residence without "call forwarding," a "modem," "caller ID," "call waiting," or portable cordless telephones for the above period. At the direction of the probation officer, the defendant shall wear an electronic monitoring device and follow electronic monitoring procedures specified by the probation officer. The court further orders that the defendant shall pay for the costs of Home Confinement, as directed by the probation officer.
- 3) **COMMUNITY SERVICE:** The defendant shall perform \_\_\_\_\_ hours of community service work without pay, at a location approved by the probation officer, at a minimum rate of four hours per week, to be completed during the first \_\_\_\_\_ months of supervision.

Defendant: MICHAEL ZACHARIAH GOMEZ  
Case Number: 7:08-CR-049-02 RAJ

**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES/ SCHEDULE**

The defendant shall pay the following total criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments set forth. Unless the Court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. Criminal Monetary Penalties, except those payments made through Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program shall be paid through the Clerk, United States District Court, 200 E. Wall, Room 107, Midland, Texas 79701.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTAL: \$100.00	\$0	\$0

**Special Assessment**

It is ordered that the defendant shall pay to the United States a special assessment of \$100.00. Payment of this sum shall begin immediately.

**Fine**

The fine is waived because of the defendant's inability to pay.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column above. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all non-federal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

If the fine is not paid, the court may sentence the defendant to any sentence which might have been originally imposed. See 18 U.S.C. §3614.

The defendant shall pay interest on any fine or restitution of more than \$2,500.00, unless the fine or restitution is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f). All payment options may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g).

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) community restitution, (6) fine interest, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.