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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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JOHN PURIFOY  
*Petitioner,*

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
*Respondent.*

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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## **APPENDIX A**

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 19-10282  
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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

December 18, 2019

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

D.C. Docket No. 4:18-CR-277-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

JOHN PURIFOY,

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the  
Northern District of Texas

Before WIENER, HAYNES, and COSTA, Circuit Judges.

J U D G M E N T

This cause was considered on the record on appeal and the briefs on file.

It is ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the District Court is affirmed.

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PER CURIAM:\*

Defendant-Appellant John Purifoy pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(C). At sentencing, the district court declined a requested downward departure and sentenced Purifoy to the guidelines sentence of 240 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised release. Purifoy timely appealed.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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We lack jurisdiction to review the denial of a downward departure unless the denial was based on the district court's mistaken belief that it lacked the authority to depart. *United States v. Lucas*, 516 F.3d 316, 350-51 (5th Cir. 2008); *United States v. Alaniz*, 726 F.3d 586, 627 (5th Cir. 2013).

The record does not indicate that the district court mistakenly believed that it could not grant the motion for a downward departure for lack of authority to depart from the Guidelines. Neither does Purifoy allege that the district court was unaware of such authority. Rather, the record reflects that the district court knew of its authority to grant the motion but concluded that the facts and circumstances of the case did not warrant a downward departure. As such, this court lacks jurisdiction to review the district court's denial of Purifoy's request for a downward departure. *See Lucas*, 516 F.3d at 350.

The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

## **APPENDIX B**

U.S. DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS	
MAR - 1 2019	
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT	
By _____	Deputy _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

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Case Number: 4:18-CR-277-A(01)

JOHN PURIFOY

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**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Smith. The defendant, JOHN PURIFOY, was represented by Aaron Clay Graham.

The defendant pleaded guilty on November 16, 2018 to the one count Information filed on November 8, 2018. Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the defendant be, and is hereby, adjudged guilty of such count involving the following offense:

<u>Title &amp; Section / Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date Offense Concluded</u>	<u>Count</u>
21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) & (b)(1)(C) Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance	09/24/2018	1

As pronounced and imposed on March 1, 2019, the defendant is sentenced as provided in this judgment.

The court ORDERS that the defendant immediately pay to the United States, through the Clerk of this Court, a special assessment of \$100.00.

The court further ORDERS that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence address, or mailing address, as set forth below, 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, through the clerk of this court, and the Attorney General, through the United States Attorney for this district, of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

**IMPRISONMENT**

The court further ORDERS that the defendant be, and is hereby, committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 240 months. This sentence shall run consecutively to any sentence imposed in the 282<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, under Case No. F-8695980, and any sentences imposed in the 203<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court of Dallas County, under Case Nos. F-9136603, and F-9136604.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

SUPERVISED RELEASE

The court further ORDERS that, upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years and that while on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the standard conditions ordered by this Court and shall comply with the following additional conditions:

1. The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
2. The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the U.S. Probation Officer, as authorized by the Justice for All Act of 2004.
4. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance, submitting to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as directed by the probation officer pursuant to the mandatory drug testing provision of the 1994 crime bill.
5. The defendant shall participate in a program approved by the probation officer for treatment of narcotic or drug or alcohol dependency that will include testing for the detection of substance use, abstaining from the use of alcohol and all other intoxicants during and after completion of treatment, contributing to the costs of services rendered at the rate of at least \$25 per month.
6. The defendant shall also comply with the Standard Conditions of Supervision as hereinafter set forth.

Standard Conditions of Supervision

1. The defendant shall report in person to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within seventy-two (72) hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.
2. The defendant shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon.
3. The defendant shall provide to the U.S. Probation Officer any requested financial information.
4. The defendant shall not leave the judicial district where the defendant is being supervised without the permission of the Court or U.S. Probation Officer.
5. The defendant shall report to the U.S. Probation Officer as directed by the court or U.S. Probation Officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five (5) days of each month.
6. The defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the U.S. Probation Officer and follow the instructions of the U.S. Probation Officer.

7. The defendant shall support his dependents and meet other family responsibilities.
8. The defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the U.S. Probation Officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons.
9. The defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten (10) days prior to any change in residence or employment.
10. The defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall 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.
11. The defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered.
12. 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 U.S. Probation Officer.
13. The defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit his at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the U.S. Probation Officer.
14. The defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two (72) hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer.
15. The defendant shall 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.
16. 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.

The court hereby directs the probation officer to provide defendant with a written statement that sets forth all the conditions to which the term of supervised release is subject, as contemplated and required by 18 U.S.C. § 3583(f).

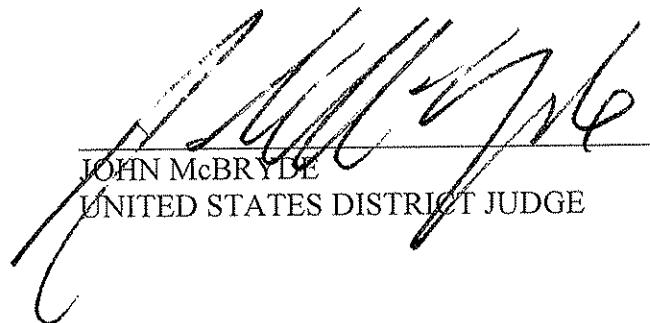
FINE

The court did not order a fine because the defendant does not have the financial resource or future earning capacity to pay a fine.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The "Statement of Reasons" and personal information about the defendant are set forth on the attachment to this judgment.

Signed this the 1st day of March, 2019.



JOHN McBRYDE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

RETURN

I have executed the imprisonment part of this Judgment as follows:

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Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

United States Marshal for the  
Northern District of Texas

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy United States Marshal