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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 18-10194

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. No.

1:17-cr-00177-DAD-BAM-1

v.

MELVIN WHITEHEAD, AKA Archie
Parks, AKA Marvin Roy Whitehead, AKA
Melvin Ray Whitehead, AKA Melvin Ray
Y,

MEMORANDUM*

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of California
Dale A. Drozd, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted October 22, 2019
San Francisco, California

Before: THOMAS, Chief Judge, and HAWKINS and BADE, Circuit Judges.

Melvin Whitehead pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm as a felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). At sentencing, the district court found that Whitehead's prior conviction for battery with injury on a peace officer, in violation of California Penal Code ("C.P.C.") § 243(c)(2), qualified as a categorical crime of

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violence under the United States Sentencing Guidelines (“U.S.S.G.”) §§ 2K2.1(a) and 4B1.2(a) and applied an increased base offense level. Whitehead appeals his sentence and argues that his prior conviction should not qualify as a crime of violence. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo whether a defendant’s prior conviction qualifies as a crime of violence under the Sentencing Guidelines, *United States v. Gasca-Ruiz*, 852 F.3d 1167, 1174 (9th Cir. 2017) (en banc) (citations omitted), and we affirm.

“In order to determine whether a conviction qualifies as a crime of violence as defined in U.S.S.G. § 4B1.2(a)(1), [the court applies] the categorical approach set forth in *Taylor v. United States*, 495 U.S. 575, 600–02 (1990).” *United States v. Perez*, 932 F.3d 782, 784 (9th Cir. 2019). In *United States v. Colon-Arreola*, 753 F.3d 841, 843–45 (9th Cir. 2014), this court applied *Taylor*’s categorical approach and held that a violation of C.P.C. § 243(c)(2) is a crime of violence, as defined in the Sentencing Guidelines. Thus, *Colon-Arreola* is binding precedent in which this court has already decided the issue that Whitehead presents in this case. *See Hart v. Massanari*, 266 F.3d 1155, 1170–71 (9th Cir. 2001). As such, *Hart* forecloses Whitehead’s argument that *Colon-Arreola* incorrectly applied *Taylor*’s categorical approach. *Id.*

AFFIRMED.

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ORDER

Before: THOMAS, Chief Judge, and HAWKINS and BADE, Circuit Judges.

The panel has voted to deny the petition for rehearing filed by Appellant
Melvin Whitehead.

The full court has been advised of the petition for rehearing en banc filed by
the Appellant, and no judge has requested a vote on the petition for rehearing en
banc. Fed. R. App. P. 35(b).

Appellant Whitehead's petition for panel rehearing and petition for rehearing
en banc are denied.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of California

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MELVIN WHITEHEAD

**AKA: Melvin Ray Y, Marvin Roy Whitehead, Melvin Ray
Whitehead, and Archie Parks**

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASECase Number: **1:17CR00177-1**

Defendant's Attorney: Erin Snider, Assistant Federal Defender

THE DEFENDANT:

- ☒ pleaded guilty to count 1 of the Indictment.
☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) ____ which was accepted by the court.
☐ was found guilty on count(s) ____ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature Of Offense	Date Offense Concluded	Count Number
18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)	Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Class C Felony)	June 28, 2017	One

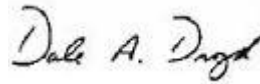
The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) ____ .
☒ Count 2 is dismissed on the motion of the United States.
☐ Indictment is to be dismissed by District Court on motion of the United States.
☒ Appeal rights given. ☒ Appeal rights waived.

It is ordered that the defendant must 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 or fine, the defendant must notify the court and United States Attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

5/21/2018

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judicial Officer

Dale A. Drozd, United States District Judge

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

5/23/2018

Date

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: 96 months.

- ☐ No TSR: Defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA.
- ☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
The Court recommends that the defendant be incarcerated in the facility at McCreary, Kentucky, but only insofar as this accords with security classification and space availability. The Court recommends the defendant participate in the 500-Hour Bureau of Prisons Substance Abuse Treatment Program.
- ☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district
- ☐ at ____ on ____.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
- ☐ before ____ on ____.
- ☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
- ☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Officer.
- If no such institution has been designated, to the United States Marshal for this district.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

United States Marshal

By Deputy United States Marshal

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of :
36 months.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.

You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.

You must refrain from any unlawful use of controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two (2) periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed four (4) drug tests per month.

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse.
- ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution.
- ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.
- ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense.
- ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence.

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the Court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the Court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by the probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment, you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person, such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the Court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____ Date _____

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in an outpatient correctional treatment program to obtain assistance for drug or alcohol abuse.
2. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in a program of testing (i.e. breath, urine, sweat patch, etc.) to determine if he has reverted to the use of drugs or alcohol.
3. The defendant shall abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and shall not frequent those places where alcohol is the chief item of sale.
4. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in a program of outpatient mental health treatment.
5. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall participate in a co-payment plan for treatment or testing and shall make payment directly to the vendor under contract with the United States Probation Office of up to \$25 per month.
6. The defendant shall submit to the search of his person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computer, other electronic communication or data storage devices or media, and effects at any time, with or without a warrant, by any law enforcement or probation officer in the lawful discharge of the officer's supervision functions with reasonable suspicion concerning unlawful conduct or a violation of a condition of probation or supervised release. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall warn any other residents that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.
7. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall complete up to 20 hours of unpaid community service per week until employed for at least 30 hours per week or participating in a previously approved educational or vocational program.
8. The defendant shall not associate with any known gang member of the East Lane Crips and Bulldog street gangs or any other known member of a criminal street gang, as directed by the probation officer.

CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the Schedule of Payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$100.00		

- ☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until ____ . An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.
- ☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.
- 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 below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.
- ☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ ____
- ☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- ☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
- ☐ The interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution
- ☐ The interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:
- ☐ If incarcerated, payment of the fine is due during imprisonment at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter and payment shall be through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.
- ☐ If incarcerated, payment of the restitution is due during imprisonment at the rate of not less than \$25 per quarter and payment shall be through the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.
- *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.

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A. ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 due immediately, balance due
☐ Not later than ____, or
☐ in accordance ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B. ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C. ☐ Payment in equal ____ (*e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly*) installments of \$ ____ over a period of ____ (*e.g. months or years*), to commence ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after the date of this judgment; or
- D. ☐ Payment in equal ____ (*e.g. weekly, monthly, quarterly*) installments of \$ ____ over a period of ____ (*e.g. months or years*), to commence ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E. ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release/probation will commence within ____ (*e.g. 30 or 60 days*) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F. ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

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

☐ Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (*including defendant number*), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate:

☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.

☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):

☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
The Preliminary Order of Forfeiture filed January 30, 2018, is hereby made final.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) JVT assessment, (8) penalties, and (9) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.