

CASE NO. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

October 2024 Term

RONALD ROBINSON

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
To the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

**APPENDIX TO
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

1. *U.S. v. Robinson*, No. 23-2709, Judgement (8th Cir., May 30, 2024).....1
2. *U.S. v. Robinson*, No. 23-2709, Order Denying Rehearing (8th Cir. July 16, 2024).....3
3. *Robinson v. U.S.*, No. 24A345, Order Extending Time to File Petition for
a Writ of Certiorari (July 16, 2023).....4

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United States Court of Appeals
For the Eighth Circuit

No. 23-2709

United States of America

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

Ronald Robinson

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Missouri - St. Louis

Submitted: April 8, 2024

Filed: May 30, 2024

[Unpublished]

Before LOKEN, SHEPHERD, and KOBES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

After an argument with his girlfriend, Ronald Robinson ran off with her gun. When he returned about an hour later, police arrested him. Robinson pleaded guilty to possessing a gun as a convicted felon, 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), and the district

court¹ sentenced him to 71 months in prison—the top of his Guidelines range. Robinson appeals, arguing that his sentence is substantively unreasonable.

We review the substantive reasonableness of a sentence for abuse of discretion. United States v. Feemster, 572 F.3d 455, 461 (8th Cir. 2009) (en banc). A district court abuses its discretion if it ignores “a relevant factor that should have received significant weight,” “gives significant weight to an improper or irrelevant factor,” or commits a clear error of judgment in weighing the appropriate factors. United States v. Washington, 893 F.3d 1076, 1080 (8th Cir. 2018). Because Robinson’s sentence is within the Guidelines range, we presume it is reasonable. Id.

Robinson does not rebut this presumption. The district court carefully considered the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors, and it reasonably concluded that 71 months in prison was appropriate based on Robinson’s criminal history and long list of prison conduct violations. See § 3553(a)(1). Robinson argues that the court gave too much weight to these factors and too little to a plethora of mitigating facts: he gave the gun back soon after taking it; he experienced significant childhood trauma like the murder of his brother, family violence, and exposure to lead; he spent 18 years in prison starting when he was a teenager; and he struggles with mental illness. But this argument “amounts to nothing more than a disagreement with how the district court chose to weigh the § 3553(a) factors in fashioning his sentence.” United States v. Brown, 992 F.3d 665, 673 (8th Cir. 2021). That is not enough to show that it is substantively unreasonable. Id.; see also Washington, 893 F.3d at 1080–81 (courts have “wide latitude to weigh the § 3553(a) factors in each case and assign some factors greater weight than others in determining an appropriate sentence” (citation omitted)).

We affirm Robinson’s sentence.

¹The Honorable John A. Ross, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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Appellee

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Appellant

Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri - St. Louis
(4:22-cr-00124-JAR-1)

ORDER

The petition for rehearing en banc is denied. The petition for rehearing by the panel is also denied.

July 16, 2024

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:
Acting Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Maureen W. Gornik



Search documents in this case:

 Search**No. 24A345**

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DATE	PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERS
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Sep 30 2024	Application (24A345) to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari from October 14, 2024 to December 13, 2024, submitted to Justice Kavanaugh.
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Main Document	Proof of Service
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Oct 11 2024	Application (24A345) granted by Justice Kavanaugh extending the time to file until December 13, 2024.
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