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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

TADDIUS TYRONE WOODS,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX A

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-10849
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

FILED

May 24, 2024

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

TADDIUS TYRONE WOODS,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 2:22-CR-143-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, STEWART, and SOUTHWICK, *Circuit
Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Taddius Tyrone Woods pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm after a felony conviction, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). On appeal, he argues for the first time that § 922(g)(1) is unconstitutional and that it was error to accept his guilty plea to a nonexistent offense. The Government has moved

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for summary affirmance or, in the alternative, an extension of time in which to file a brief. Woods opposes summary affirmance and requests a stay.

Because Woods failed to preserve his claims, our review is for plain error only. *See United States v. Howard*, 766 F.3d 414, 419 (5th Cir. Cir. 2014). To prevail on plain error review, Woods must show a forfeited error that is clear or obvious and that affects his substantial rights. *See Puckett v. United States*, 556 U.S. 129, 135 (2009). If he makes this showing, this court has the discretion to correct the error but should do so only if it “seriously affects the fairness, integrity or public reputation of judicial proceedings.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks, citation, and brackets omitted).

Woods argues that under the prevailing interpretation of the “in or affecting commerce” element of § 922(g)(1), the statute is unconstitutional because it exceeds Congress’s authority to regulate commerce. We have consistently upheld the constitutionality of § 922(g) as a “valid exercise of Congress’s authority under the Commerce Clause.” *United States v. Alcantar*, 733 F.3d 143, 145-46 (5th Cir. 2013).

Relying on *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022), Woods contends that § 922(g)(1) violates the Second Amendment. We rejected another unpreserved *Bruen* challenge to § 922(g)(1) in *United States v. Jones*, 88 F.4th 571 (5th Cir. 2023), *cert. denied*, 2024 WL 1143799, at *1 (U.S. Mar. 18, 2024) (No. 23-6769), because any error was not clear or obvious. As the Government argues, that case is dispositive here.

Next, Woods maintains that, in light of his constitutional challenges, the district court misadvised him of the nature of his offense and the maximum penalty and erroneously accepted the factual basis for his guilty plea in violation of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(b)(1)(G), (H), (b)(3). Given our rejection of Woods’s underlying challenges, he has not shown the requisite clear-or-obvious error.

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Woods posits that a future decision may undermine or abrogate our decision in *Jones*. But we are not convinced that we should depart from our usual practice, which is to apply existing precedent unless and until it is altered. See *United States v. Islas-Saucedo*, 903 F.3d 512, 521 (5th Cir. 2018). Because Woods does not concede that every issue in this appeal is foreclosed, we decline to grant summary affirmance. Because the outcome is clear, however, further briefing is unnecessary.

Accordingly, Woods's motion for a stay is DENIED; the Government's motion for summary affirmance and alternative motion for an extension of time are DENIED; and the district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.

APPENDIX B

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Amarillo Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

v.

Case Number: 2:22-CR-143-Z-BR-(1)

U.S. Marshal's No.: 34462-510

TADDIUS TYRONE WOODS

Meredith Elizabeth Pinkham, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Eric Coats, Attorney for the Defendant

On March 20, 2023 the defendant, TADDIUS TYRONE WOODS, entered a plea of guilty as to Count One of the Indictment filed on December 15, 2022. Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of such Count, which involves the following offense:

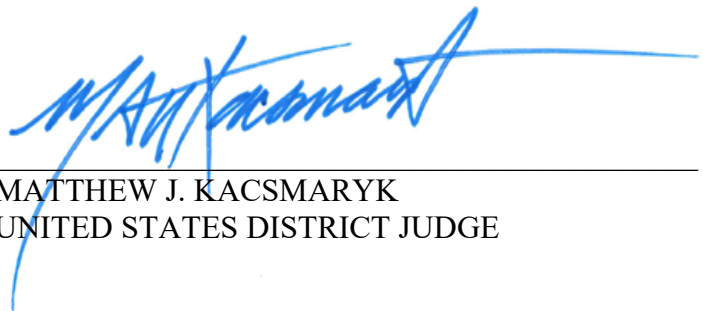
<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(8)	CONVICTED FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM	12/01/2022	One

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to Title 18, United States Code § 3553(a), taking the guidelines issued by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to Title 28, United States Code § 994(a)(1), as advisory only.

The defendant shall pay immediately a special assessment of \$100.00 as to Count One of the Indictment filed on December 15, 2022.

The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within thirty 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.

Sentence imposed August 10, 2023.



MATTHEW J. KACSMARYK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Signed August 11, 2023.

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant, TADDIUS TYRONE WOODS, is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to be imprisoned for a term of **Sixty (60) months as to Count One** of the Indictment filed on December 15, 2022.

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

1. that the Defendant be allowed to participate in a full medical evaluation with attention to the orthopedic concerns and traumatic injuries reflected in the PSR with possible initial placement in a federal medical center to address those injuries; and be allowed to participate in any and all substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs, including the Residential Drug Abuse Program, while in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, if eligible, if consistent with security classification;
2. that the Defendant be allowed to pursue his GED and participate in any and all vocational training, if possible, CDL and welding, if possible, if eligible, if consistent with security classification; and
3. that the Defendant be allowed to serve his term of incarceration at a facility nearest Amarillo, Texas, if possible, if eligible, if consistent with security classification.

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

SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of **One (1) year** as to Count One of the Indictment filed on December 15, 2022.

While on supervised release, in compliance with the Standard Conditions of supervision adopted by the United States Sentencing Commission at Section 5D1.3(c), the defendant shall:

1. The defendant shall report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where he or she is authorized to reside within 72 hours of release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs the defendant to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, the defendant will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when to report to the probation officer, and the defendant shall report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. The defendant shall not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where he or she is authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. The defendant shall answer truthfully the questions asked by the probation officer.

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5. The defendant shall live at a place approved by the probation officer. If the defendant plans to change where he or she lives or anything about his or her living arrangements (such as the people the defendant lives with), the defendant shall 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, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. The defendant shall allow the probation officer to visit the defendant at any time at his or her home or elsewhere, and the defendant shall permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of the defendant's supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. The defendant shall work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant does not have full-time employment he or she shall try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant plans to change where the defendant works or anything about his or her work (such as the position or the job responsibilities), the defendant shall 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, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. The defendant shall not communicate or interact with someone the defendant knows is engaged in criminal activity. If the defendant knows someone has been convicted of a felony, the defendant shall not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If the defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. The defendant shall 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. The defendant shall 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 the defendant poses a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require the defendant to notify the person about the risk and the defendant shall comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that the defendant has notified the person about the risk.
13. The defendant shall follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

Also, as set forth in the Notice of Intent to Impose Conditions of Supervised Release signed and dated August 10, 2023, the Defendant shall comply with the below-listed other conditions of supervised release, which are derived from Sections 5D1.3(a), (b), (d), and (e), in relevant part:

1. The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local offense (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d)).
2. The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d)).

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3. The defendant who is convicted for a domestic violence crime as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 3561(b) for the first time shall attend a public, private, or private non-profit offender rehabilitation program that has been approved by the court, in consultation with a State Coalition Against Domestic Violence or other appropriate experts, if an approved program is available within a 50-mile radius of the legal residence of the defendant (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d)).
4. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance and submit to one drug test within 15 days of release on supervised release and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter (as determined by the court) for use of a controlled substance, but the condition stated in this paragraph may be ameliorated or suspended by the court for any individual defendant if the defendant's presentence report or other reliable information indicates a low risk of future substance abuse by the defendant (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d)).
5. If a fine is imposed and has not been paid upon release to supervised release, the defendant shall adhere to an installment schedule to pay that fine (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3624(e)).
6. The defendant shall (A) make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A, or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution; and (B) pay the assessment imposed in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3013. If there is a court-established payment schedule for making restitution or paying the assessment (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3572(d)), the defendant shall adhere to the schedule.
7. If the defendant is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, the defendant shall comply with the requirements of that Act (*see* 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d)).
8. The defendant shall submit to the collection of a DNA sample from the defendant at the direction of the United States Probation Office if the collection of such a sample is authorized pursuant to section 3 of the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 (34 U.S.C. § 40702).
9. The defendant shall have no contact with persons under the age of 18 except when directly supervised by an adult who is approved in advance by the probation officer, nor shall the defendant loiter near places where children may frequently congregate. The defendant shall neither seek nor maintain employment or volunteer work at any location and/or activity where persons under the age of 18 congregate and the defendant shall not date or intentionally develop a personal relationship with anyone who has children under the age of 18, without prior permission of the probation officer.
10. The defendant shall participate in an outpatient program approved by the probation officer for treatment of narcotic, 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, and contributing to the costs of services rendered (copayment) at the rate of at least \$30 per month.

FINE/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.

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FORFEITURE

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), it is hereby ordered that Defendant's interest in the following property is condemned and forfeited to the United States: **A Glock, 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol, bearing serial number BNB285, and any ammunition recovered with the firearm.**

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 Marshal