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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOSEPH CHARLES RIDDLE,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMIERCA,

Respondent,

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

**APPENDIX TO
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

May 7, 2026

Christopher M. Wolpert
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOSEPH CHARLES RIDDLE,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 25-7067
(D.C. No. 6:25-CR-00032-JFH-1)
(E.D. Okla.)

ORDER AND JUDGMENT*

Before **McHUGH**, **BALDOCK**, and **ROSSMAN**, Circuit Judges.

Joseph Charles Riddle was indicted on one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition and a second count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, both in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). Mr. Riddle moved to dismiss the indictment, arguing under *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. 1 (2022), and *United States v. Rahimi*, 602 U.S. 680 (2024), that § 922(g)(1) violates the Second Amendment, both facially and as applied

* After examining the briefs and appellate record, this panel has determined unanimously to honor the parties' request for a decision on the briefs without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(f); 10th Cir. R. 34.1(G). The case is therefore submitted without oral argument. This order and judgment is not binding precedent, except under the doctrines of law of the case, res judicata, and collateral estoppel. It may be cited, however, for its persuasive value consistent with Fed. R. App. P. 32.1 and 10th Cir. R. 32.1.

to him. The district court denied the motion to dismiss, so Mr. Riddle pleaded guilty, reserving his constitutional arguments for appeal. The district court sentenced him to 18 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release.

Mr. Riddle now renews his constitutional challenge, although he concedes our precedent forecloses his arguments. *See* Aplt. Br. at 4, 6, 8. In *United States v. McCane*, 573 F.3d 1037, 1047 (10th Cir. 2009), we held that § 922(g)(1) does not violate the Second Amendment. We have since upheld *McCane*, even after *Bruen* and *Rahimi*. *See Vincent v. Bondi*, 127 F.4th 1263, 1265-66 (10th Cir. 2025), *cert. denied* (U.S. Mar. 2, 2026) (No. 24-1155). As Mr. Riddle recognizes, *see* Aplt. Br. at 4, it does not matter whether his predicate felony was for a violent or nonviolent offense. *See Vincent*, 127 F.4th at 1266 (“*McCane* . . . upheld the constitutionality of § 922(g)(1) for all individuals convicted of felonies,” including “nonviolent offenders”); *United States v. Warner*, 131 F.4th 1137, 1148 (10th Cir. 2025) (“[E]ven after *Rahimi*, § 922(g)(1) is constitutional as applied to non-violent felons.”).

Mr. Riddle insists *Vincent* was “wrongly decided,” and he points out the plaintiff in that case sought certiorari review by the Supreme Court. Aplt. Br. at 4. But, as explained above, the Supreme Court denied certiorari in *Vincent* on March 2, 2026. Therefore, because *Vincent* and *McCane* remain binding precedent, we must affirm the district court’s judgment. *See United States v. Lira-Ramirez*, 951 F.3d

1258, 1260 (10th Cir. 2020) (“We must generally follow our precedents absent en banc consideration.”).

Entered for the Court

Veronica S. Rossman
Circuit Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of Oklahoma

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.

JOSEPH CHARLES RIDDLE

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: CR-25-00032-001-JFH

USM Number: 62549-511

Gabrielle Jolliff, AFPD

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 & 2 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	Offense Ended	Count
18:922(g)(1) & 924(a)(8)	Felon in Possession of Ammunition	January 6, 2025	1
18:922(g)(1) & 924(a)(8)	Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition	August 2024	2

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(s) is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

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, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

August 14, 2025

Date of Imposition of Judgment

JOHN F. HEIL, III
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

August 22, 2025
Date

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IMPRISONMENT

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

18 months on each of Counts 1 & 2 of the Indictment. The terms of imprisonment imposed on each count shall be served concurrently with one another.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

The Bureau of Prisons evaluate and determine whether the defendant is a suitable candidate for the most comprehensive substance abuse and mental health treatment program available to the defendant during their term of incarceration, such as the Residential Drug Abuse Program or other similar programs. Should the defendant be allowed to participate in such programming, the Court recommends the defendant be afforded the benefits prescribed and set out in 18 USC § 3621(e) according to Bureau of Prisons policy.

That the defendant be placed in Texarkana FCI or Forrest City FCC to facilitate family contact.

The Court recommends that the Bureau of Prisons evaluate and determine if the defendant should be given credit toward this sentence for any time previously served in custody and further award the defendant credit for such time served in accordance with Bureau of Prisons policy.

☒ 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 _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. 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 2 p.m. on _____ .
☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.
☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

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

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

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

3 years on each of Counts 1 & 2 of the Indictment. The term of supervised release imposed on each count shall run concurrently with one another.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight (8) 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. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ 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. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

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.

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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 your 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 your 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, after obtaining Court approval, 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 _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

1. The defendant shall successfully participate in a program of mental health treatment and follow the rules and regulations of the program. The probation officer, in consultation with the treatment provider, will determine the treatment modality, location, and treatment schedule. The defendant shall waive any right of confidentiality in any records for mental health treatment to allow the probation officer to review the course of treatment and progress with the treatment provider. The defendant must pay the costs of the program or assist (co-payment) in payment of the costs of the program if financially able.
2. The defendant shall submit to a search conducted by a United States Probation Officer of his person, residence, vehicle, office and/or business at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of supervised release. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA</u> <u>Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA</u> <u>Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

☐ 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.

Name of Payee	Total Loss***	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage
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TOTALS \$ _____ \$ _____

☐ 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 ☐ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** 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.

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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 \$ _____ due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than _____, or
- ☐ in accordance with ☐ 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 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:
 Said special assessment of \$200 shall be paid through the United States Court Clerk for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 607, Muskogee, OK 74402, and is due immediately.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of 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

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number)	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
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- ☐ 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 Court orders that the preliminary order of forfeiture at Dkt. No. 45 is hereby incorporated by reference.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT A assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.