

13-9026 WHITFIELD V. UNITED STATES

DECISION BELOW: 695 F.3d 288

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 12-4956

QUESTION PRESENTED:

A conviction under the federal bank robbery statute carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, but no minimum sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 2113(a). If the bank robber forces another person "to accompany him" during the robbery or while in flight, however, that additional offense carries a minimum sentence of ten years in prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. 18 U.S.C. § 2113(e).

The question presented is whether § 2113(e)'s forced-accompaniment offense requires proof of more than a *de minimis* movement of the victim.

CERT. GRANTED 6/23/2014