

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 05-3883

United States of America,

Appellee,

v.

Juan Ramon Perez,

Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
Western District of Missouri.
[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: April 4, 2007
Filed: April 5, 2007

Before RILEY, HANSEN, and MELLOY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Juan Ramon Perez appeals his conviction and 168-month sentence imposed by the district court¹ after he pleaded guilty to drug and money-laundering conspiracies. In a brief filed under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel argues that Perez's sentence, imposed at the bottom of an advisory Guidelines imprisonment range of 168-210 months, is too long. Following careful review, we conclude that the sentence imposed by the district court was reasonable. See United States v. Garnica, 477 F.3d 628, 631 (8th Cir. 2007) (per curiam) (in cases where there is no dispute

¹The Honorable Scott O. Wright, United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

concerning district court's calculation of advisory Guidelines range, reviewing court must only determine whether sentence imposed by district court is reasonable).

Turning to the arguments raised in the pro se supplemental brief, we note that any ineffective-assistance argument must be raised in a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 proceeding, where the record can be properly developed. See United States v. Hughes, 330 F.3d 1068, 1069 (8th Cir. 2003). Perez's other pro se arguments, to the extent they relate to his case, are refuted by the plea transcript. Cf. Blackledge v. Allison, 431 U.S. 63, 74 (1977) ("Solemn declarations in open court carry a strong presumption of verity.")

We have reviewed the record independently under Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988), and have found no nonfrivolous issues. Accordingly, we affirm, and we grant counsel's motion to withdraw.
