



relief, concluding that the unavailability of a witness at trial did not deprive Sanders of his confrontation rights and that his right to a fair trial was not abridged. The court further concluded that trial counsel's performance was not deficient.

On appeal, Sanders challenges only the confrontation and fair trial rights conclusions.

Having searched the record and considered the parties briefs we find no merit in Sanders' contentions, and we affirm on the basis of the district court's well-reasoned opinion. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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