

**United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No. 98-2843

United States of America,	*	
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Appellee,	*	Appeal from the United States
	*	District Court for the Eastern
v.	*	District of Arkansas.
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Billy Edward Welch,	*	[UNPUBLISHED]
	*	
Appellant.	*	

Submitted: May 3, 1999
Filed: May 12, 1999

Before BEAM, HANSEN, and FAGG, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Billy Edward Welch pleaded guilty for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and for attempting to escape. On appeal, Welch contends the district court improperly rejected his request to withdraw his guilty plea. Having searched the record and considered the parties' submissions, we find no merit in Welch's contention that he had been subjected to threats and intimidation by Arkansas law enforcement officers. We decline to consider Welch's ineffective assistance of counsel arguments. See United States v. Iversen, 90 F.3d 1340, 1342 (8th Cir. 1996) (ineffective assistance claim raised for first time on appeal is properly addressed in 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion). We thus affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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