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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT

May 26, 2023

Christopher M. Wolpert  
Clerk of Court

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

MICHAEL EUGENE SPEARS,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 23-5016  
(D.C. No. 4:20-CR-00296-GKF-1)  
(N.D. Okla.)

ORDER AND JUDGMENT\*

Before **PHILLIPS**, **McHUGH**, and **CARSON**, Circuit Judges.

Michael Eugene Spears pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in Indian Country in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1151, 1153, and 1111. He was sentenced to 300 months' imprisonment. Although his plea agreement contained a waiver of his appellate rights, he filed a notice of appeal. The government has moved to enforce the appeal waiver in the plea agreement pursuant to *United States v. Hahn*, 359 F.3d 1315 (10th Cir. 2004) (en banc) (per curiam).

Under *Hahn*, we consider “(1) whether the disputed appeal falls within the scope of the waiver of appellate rights; (2) whether the defendant knowingly and

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voluntarily waived his appellate rights; and (3) whether enforcing the waiver would result in a miscarriage of justice.” *Id.* at 1325.

In response to the government’s motion, Mr. Spears, through counsel, states (1) he “is unable to identify an appellate issue that falls outside the scope of the waiver,” Resp. at 9; (2) he “is unable to dispute the government’s contention that the appellate waiver is knowing and voluntary,” *id.* at 11; and (3) “nothing in the record suggests that enforcing the waiver would be a miscarriage of justice,” *id.* at 12. Therefore, counsel concedes there is no “viable, non-frivolous reason to argue that the appeal waiver is unenforceable.” *Id.*

Based on this concession, we grant the government’s motion to enforce the appeal waiver and dismiss the appeal.

Entered for the Court  
Per Curiam