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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. 21-10143

Plaintiff-Appellee,

D.C. No. 3:19-cr-00016-EMC-1

v.

MEMORANDUM*

THOMAS RAMM,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of California
Edward M. Chen, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted September 14, 2021**

Before: PAEZ, NGUYEN, and OWENS, Circuit Judges.

Thomas Ramm appeals from the district court's order denying his motion for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i). We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.

Ramm challenges the district court's conclusion that he did not demonstrate

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

extraordinary and compelling reasons warranting his release. The district court did not abuse its discretion. *See United States v. Aruda*, 993 F.3d 797, 799 (9th Cir. 2021). The district court’s decision to deny compassionate release based on the availability of a COVID-19 vaccine and Ramm’s decision to forgo a continuance of his self-surrender date was not illogical, implausible, or without support in the record. *See United States v. Robertson*, 895 F.3d 1206, 1213 (9th Cir. 2018).

We do not reach the parties’ arguments regarding whether compassionate release is warranted under the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors because the district court, having found that there were no extraordinary and compelling reasons for release, did not address the § 3553(a) factors. *See United States v. Keller*, 2 F.4th 1278, 1284 (9th Cir. 2021) (a district court may deny a compassionate release motion on the sole ground that the defendant did not show an “extraordinary and compelling” reason for release).

AFFIRMED.