

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 97-30456  
Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

LARRY JOSEPH, JR.,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Louisiana  
USDC No. 96-CR-275-N  
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October 22, 1997

Before POLITZ, Chief Judge, and WIENER and DENNIS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Larry Joseph, Jr., has appealed the sentence he received upon his plea of guilty of drug-trafficking offenses. The district court did not err by finding that Joseph was a leader and organizer of the conspiracy, and consequently increasing his offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1(c). These findings are supported by Joseph's own statements to the probation officer during the presentence investigation. See United States v. Ayala, 47 F.3d 688, 689-90 (5th Cir. 1995).

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

AFFIRMED.