

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

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No. 12-41267
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

MICHAEL AARON MERRELL,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 7:12-CR-11-1

Before JONES, OWEN, and GRAVES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the judgment in a criminal case, Michael Aaron Merrell raises an argument that he concedes is foreclosed by *United States v. Betancourt*, 586 F.3d 303, 308-09 (5th Cir. 2009), which held that knowledge of drug type and quantity is not an element of the offense under 21 U.S.C. § 841. The appellant's motion for summary disposition is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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