United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

October 24, 2006

Charles R. Fulbruge III
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No. 06-10168 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

PER CURIAM:\*

RONALD JEROME FISHER, also known as La Ron,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas USDC No. 4:92-CR-10-1

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Before JOLLY, DeMOSS, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

Ronald Jerome Fisher, federal prisoner # 20604-077, proceeding pro se, moves for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) on appeal. Fisher seeks to appeal the district court's denial of his "motion to preserve <a href="Booker">Booker</a>\*\* issue." The district court also denied Fisher's motion for leave to proceed IFP and certified that an appeal would not be taken in good faith.

Fisher's IFP motion is a challenge to the district court's certification that his appeal was not taken in good faith. <u>See</u>

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

<sup>\*\* &</sup>lt;u>United States v. Booker</u>, 543 U.S. 220 (2005).

Baugh v. Taylor, 117 F.3d 197, 202 (5th Cir. 1997). He has failed to show that his appeal involves "legal points arguable on their merits (and therefore not frivolous)." Howard v. King, 707 F.2d 215, 220 (5th Cir. 1983) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted); see United States v. Early, 27 F.3d 140, 142 (5th Cir. 1994); In re Elwood, 408 F.3d 211, 213 (5th Cir. 2005). Accordingly, the motion for leave to proceed IFP on appeal is denied, and the appeal is dismissed as frivolous. See Baugh, 117 F.3d at 202 & n.24; 5th Cir. R. 42.2. Fisher is warned that the filing or prosecution of frivolous appeals in the future will subject him to sanctions. See FED. R. APP. P. 38; Clark v. Green, 814 F.2d 221, 223 (5th Cir. 1987).

IFP DENIED; APPEAL DISMISSED AS FRIVOLOUS; SANCTION WARNING ISSUED.