IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

	No. 01-41095	
UNITED STATES OF AME	ERICA,	
		Plaintiff - Appellee,
	versus	
JORGE VALENTINE RAM	ION, JR.,	
		Defendant - Appellant.
A	ppeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas	

February 3, 2003

Before GARWOOD and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges, and RESTANI, Judge.*

PER CURIAM:

Before the mandate was issued in this case, appellant was released from federal custody, rendering his appeal on a sentencing issue moot. The previous opinion of this court, published at 310 F.3d 317, is therefore VACATED, and the appeal is DISMISSED as moot.

^{*} Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, sitting by designation.