

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 01-20634
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JEFFERY JAMES DENNIS,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. H-00-CR-432-1

April 11, 2002

Before SMITH, DeMOSS, and PARKER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Jeffery James Dennis appeals from his bench-trial conviction for possession of a firearm subsequent to a felony conviction. He challenges the constitutionality of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and contends that this court should reconsider its jurisprudence regarding the constitutionality of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) in light of Jones v. United States, 529 U.S. 848 (2000), and United States v. Morrison, 529 U.S. 598 (2000).

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

Dennis concedes that his arguments are foreclosed by this court's precedent but seeks to preserve the issue for Supreme Court review.

The "in or affecting commerce" element of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) requires only a minimal nexus between the firearm and interstate commerce. United States v. Gresham, 118 F.3d 258, 265 (5th Cir. 1997). This element is satisfied because the firearm possessed by Dennis previously traveled in interstate commerce. United States v. Rawls, 85 F.3d 240, 242-43 (5th Cir. 1996). Dennis' reliance on Morrison and Jones is misplaced. In United States v. Daugherty, 264 F.3d 513, 518 (5th Cir.), petition for cert. denied, 122 S. Ct. 1113 (2001), this court recently determined that Morrison and Jones were distinguishable from an 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) case in which the defendant, like Dennis, had stipulated to facts showing that his firearm had traveled in interstate commerce, emphasizing that "the constitutionality of § 922(g) is not open to question." Id. (quotation and citation omitted). The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.