IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-50861 Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

RAMIRO RANGEL

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. A-02-CR-105-ALL-SS

February 17, 2003

Before KING, Chief Judge, and WIENER and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Ramiro Rangel appeals his sentence following a guilty plea conviction for one count of bank fraud. Rangel argues that the district court abused its discretion in making an upward departure under § 2B1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines. Rangel also asserts that the extent of the upward departure is unreasonable.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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The district court did not abuse its discretion, as it provided acceptable reasons for the departure and the degree of departure was reasonable. See <u>United States v. Hefferon</u>, 314 F.3d 211, 227 (5th Cir. 2002).

AFFIRMED.