

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 94-20781
(Summary Calendar)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

UCHECHI EMUCHAY,
OPEOLUINA KOMOIAFE, and
FLORENCE U. IFEOZO,

Defendants-Appellants.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
(CR-H-94-78-7, 6 & 9 & 2)

(September 12, 1995)

Before GARWOOD, WIENER and PARKER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Defendants-Appellants Uchechi Emuchay, Opeoluina Komoiafe and
Florence U. Ifeozo were convicted by a jury for conspiracy to

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should not be published.

bribe, and for aiding and abetting in the bribery of, a public official, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 2, and 201(b)(1)(C). In their appeal to this court, Defendants-Appellants contend that the district court abused its discretion in denying the motions of Emuchay and Ifeozo for severance. Additionally, Ifeozo and Emuchay contend, for the first time on appeal, that their severance motion should have been granted based on misjoinder of the parties under Fed. R. Crim. P. 8(b). And, Ifeozo and Komoiafe contend that the evidence was insufficient to support their convictions.

We have carefully reviewed the record in this case and the arguments of able counsel advanced in their briefs submitted to this court, and we remain convinced that the applicable law and the record evidence in this case are such that the district court did not abuse its discretion in its ruling on severance and that the evidence is sufficient to support the convictions of Defendants-Appellants. Their convictions and the sentences imposed thereunder are, in all respects,

AFFIRMED.