IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

> No. 96-20171 c/w No. 96-20172 Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JULIAN CORONADO MATA, a/k/a Junior Sanchez, a/k/a Junior,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC Nos. CR-H-94-288-3 and CR-H-95-252-1 December 23, 1996

Before SMITH, DUHÉ, and BARKSDALE, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Julian Mata, Jr., pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana and to an information charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Mata contends that the district court abused its discretion in departing upward from the guideline imprisonment range. Based upon a careful review of the record and the briefs, we hold that the district court did not abuse its discretion. <u>See Koon v. United States</u>, 116 S. Ct.

^{*} Pursuant to Local Rule 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in Local Rule 47.5.4.

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2035, 2045 (1996). The convictions and sentences are AFFIRMED.