## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-30896 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

BILL PENCE,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana USDC No. 94-CR-50081 February 20, 1997

Before SMITH, EMILIO M. GARZA, and PARKER, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:\*

Bill Pence contends that the district court abused its discretion by granting a continuance at sentencing to enable the Government to determine correctly the actual weight of methamphetamine. He contends that he was prejudiced because the total weight provided a lower base offense level.

The district court's decision to grant or deny a motion for a continuance is reviewed for an abuse of discretion. <u>United</u> <u>States v. Correa-Ventura</u>, 6 F.3d 1070, 1074 (5th Cir. 1993). In

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to Local Rule 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in Local Rule 47.5.4.

cases involving substances containing methamphetamine, the base offense level is the greater of the offense levels determined by the actual weight of methamphetamine and the total weight of the substance containing methamphetamine. U.S.S.G. § 2D1.1, comment. (n.(B)).

Pence's offense level was determined accurately and in accordance with the guidelines. Pence has not demonstrated the requisite prejudice. <u>Correa-Ventura</u>, 6 F.3d at 1074. The district court did not abuse its discretion. Pence's sentence is AFFIRMED.