IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-40788 Conference Calendar

CURTIS CONWAY,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

versus

V.I. RAMIREZ, JR.; TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION,

Defendants-Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. C-96-CV-641

February 9, 1999

Before BARKSDALE and EMILIO M. GARZA, Circuit Judges.* PER CURIAM:*

Curtis Conway, Texas state prisoner #481016, appeals from the district court's dismissal of his civil rights complaint as frivolous. Conway argues that he was subjected to an excessive use of force in violation of the Eighth Amendment. We have reviewed the record and find no reversible error. Because Conway's alleged injury was de minimis, he has failed to raise a valid Eighth Amendment claim for an excessive use of force. See

^{*}This matter is being decided by a quorum. 28 U.S.C. \S 46(d).

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

<u>Siglar v. Hightower</u>, 112 F.3d 191, 193 (5th Cir. 1997).

Accordingly, the judgment is AFFIRMED.

AFFIRMED.