

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

No. 17-50542
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

PURNELL ELLIOTT WILLIAMS, also known as Pernell Elliott Williams,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:16-CR-237-1

Before DAVIS, CLEMENT, and COSTA, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Purnell Elliott Williams appeals his conviction, following a jury trial, for possessing a firearm following a conviction for a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. In his sole appellate argument, he contends that the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9) because the Government failed to prove the requisite domestic relationship between him and the victim of his 2010 Texas assault. Although proof of a

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domestic relationship is necessary for the federal firearm conviction, the underlying misdemeanor offense need not have a domestic relationship as an element. *United States v. Hayes*, 555 U.S. 415, 418, 421-29 (2009). The record contains sufficient evidence from which the jury could reasonably conclude that Ronnessa Williams, the assault victim, was Williams's wife at the time of the incident. *See United States v. Mitchell*, 484 F.3d 762, 768 (5th Cir. 2007); 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33). Accordingly, the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.