

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

United States v. Reynolds

No. 20-11256, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (April 13, 2021)

SUMMARY

Appeal of pretrial detention order dismissed as moot where defendant subsequently pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for criminal contempt under 18 U.S.C. § 401. Because the appeal only challenged the detention order, the conviction and sentence left no relief the court could grant. The Fifth Circuit applied the mootness doctrine from **United States v. Ramirez** and **United States v. O'Shaughnessy**.

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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April 13, 2021 No. 20-11256 Lyle W. Cayce Summary Calendar Clerk United States of America, Plaintiff—Appellee, versus Larry Reynolds, Defendant—Appellant. Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas

USDC No. 3:20-CR-391-1

Before Davis, Stewart, and Dennis, Circuit Judges. Per Curiam:* Larry Reynolds was charged in an order to show cause with criminal contempt of court, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 401, which arose from his conduct in bankruptcy proceedings involving a company that he owned and * Pursuant to 5th Circuit Rule 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5th Circuit Rule 47.5.4. Case: 20-11256 Document: 00515819375 Page: 2 Date Filed: 04/13/2021 No. 20-11256 managed. He now appeals the district court's order of detention pending trial. See 18 U.S.C. § 3142. This court has recently become aware that Reynolds pled guilty to the contempt charge on February 10, 2021. He was then sentenced to six months' imprisonment on March 24, 2021. Because Reynolds' pending appeal only seeks review of his pretrial detention, his subsequent conviction and sentencing has rendered this appeal moot as there is no longer any relief that this court can grant. *United States v. Ramirez*, 145 F.3d 345, 356 (5th Cir. 1998); *United States v. O'Shaughnessy*, 772 F.2d 112, 113 (5th Cir. 1985). Accordingly, Reynolds' appeal is DISMISSED as MOOT. APPEAL DISMISSED. 2

