

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

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Fifth Circuit

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No. 19-60240
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

WILLIE CHARLES BLACKMON, JR.,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Mississippi
USDC No. 3:17-CR-75-1

Before KING, GRAVES, and WILLETT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Willie Charles Blackmon Jr. was convicted by a jury of two counts of sex trafficking of minors by force and two counts of interstate and foreign travel in aid of racketeering. Blackmon raises a single issue: whether the district court violated his rights under the Confrontation Clause by admitting hearsay statements of the victim, A.Z. The Government argues that any error was harmless.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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Outside of the challenged testimony, there was overwhelming evidence presented against Blackmon at trial. Thus, the record reflects that the hearsay statements did not substantially influence the jury's verdict. *See United States v. Flores*, 640 F.3d 638, 643 (5th Cir. 2011). The judgment is AFFIRMED.