12-167 UNITED STATES V. DAVILA

DECISION BELOW: 664 F.3d 1355

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 10-15310, 11-10224

QUESTION PRESENTED:

Whether the court of appeals erred in holding that any degree of judicial participation in plea negotiations, in violation of Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1), automatically requires vacatur of a defendant's guilty plea, irrespective of whether the error prejudiced the defendant.

CERT. GRANTED 1/4/2013