

**United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT**

No. 04-1880

United States of America,	*	
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Appellee,	*	
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v.	*	Appeal from the United States
	*	District Court for the
Raul Castaneda Gutierrez,	*	District of Minnesota.
	*	
Appellant.	*	[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: December 22, 2005
Filed: January 4, 2006

Before WOLLMAN, McMILLIAN, and MURPHY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Raul Castaneda Gutierrez appeals the district court's¹ denial of his motion for return of property. We find that Castaneda has abandoned the only issue in this appeal by failing to raise it in his appellate brief. See Fed. R. App. P. 28(a) (requirements of appellate brief); United States v. Joiner, 418 F.3d 863, 869 (8th Cir. 2005) (party's failure to raise or argue issue in brief is deemed abandonment of issue).

¹The Honorable Susan Richard Nelson, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Accordingly, we affirm, and we deny the motions for appellate counsel, and for discovery and expert investigators.
