

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-50535
Summary Calendar

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

EFRAIN RODRIGUEZ-PEREZ,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:23-CR-41-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, STEWART, and SOUTHWICK, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM: *

Efrain Rodriguez-Perez appeals his conviction and sentence for illegal reentry after removal under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b). In his sole issue on appeal, Rodriguez-Perez contends that § 1326(b) is unconstitutional because it allows a sentence above the otherwise applicable statutory maximum based on facts that are neither alleged in the indictment nor found by a jury beyond

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a reasonable doubt. He has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition and a letter brief explaining that he has raised this issue only to preserve it for further review and conceding correctly that this issue is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998). See *United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019). Because summary disposition is appropriate, see *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), Rodriguez-Perez's motion is GRANTED, and the district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.