United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 05-10378 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

AARON GUIZAR-NAJERA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas USDC No. 5:04-CR-68-ALL

Before BENAVIDES, CLEMENT, and PRADO, Circuit Judges. PER CURTAM:\*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Aaron Guizar-Najera raises arguments that are foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres</u> <u>v. United States</u>, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998), which held that a prior conviction is a sentencing factor under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2) and not a separate criminal offense. The Government's motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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