United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 05-51104 Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JUAN GALLARDO-DE ANDA, also known as Luis Manuel Lopez, also known as Juan Alejandro Gallardo, also known as Carlos Gallardo, also known as Luis Mendoza-Lopez, also known as Juan Alberto Padilla,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:05-CR-75-ALL

Before GARZA, DENNIS, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.
PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Juan Gallardo-De Anda raises arguments that are foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres v.</u>

<u>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.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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