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. 05-51187 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

LORENZO ROSALES-ORTEGA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas USDC No. 3:05-CR-151-ALL

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

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Lorenzo Rosales-Ortega raises arguments that are foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres

v. United States, 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.