

February 7, 2007

Charles R. Fulbruge III  
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 06-10699  
Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

NICOLAS SANCHEZ-GARCIA,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 3:04-CR-14-ALL  
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Before REAVLEY, JOLLY, and BENAVIDES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Nicolas Sanchez-Garcia raises arguments that are foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998), which held that 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2) is a penalty provision and not a separate criminal offense. The Government's motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED. The motion to relieve court-appointed counsel and appoint new counsel is DENIED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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