

February 7, 2007

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 06-50633
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ALVARO NORIEGA-PUENTE, also known as Arturo Sanchez-Garcia,
also known as Avaro Noriega, also known as Chito Salas, also
known as Jose Noriega, also known as Mario Arriaga,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:04-CR-269-1

Before REAVLEY, JOLLY, and BENAVIDES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Alvaro Noriega-
Puente 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.

* 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this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except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.