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. 06-50237 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

FRANCISCO EDUARDO CEDENO-ZAMBRANO, also known as Francisco Cedeno-Zambrano,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas USDC No. 3:05-CR-913-ALL

Before BARKSDALE, DeMOSS, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Francisco Eduardo Cedeno-Zambrano raises arguments that are foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres v. United States</u>, 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.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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