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. 06-40230 Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

MIGUEL ROMAN-HERNANDEZ, also known as Filemon Roman-Hernandez,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. 1:05-CR-811

Before DeMOSS, STEWART, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Miguel Roman-Hernandez (Roman) appeals the sentence he received for illegally reentering the United States after deportation, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Roman argues that this court should vacate his sentence and remand his case for resentencing because the district court failed to indicate that it considered the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) when it imposed its sentence, as he believes is required by <u>United States v. Booker</u>, 543 U.S. 220 (2005). Roman's argument is unavailing. Because Roman's sentence was within a properly

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

calculated guidelines range, this court infers that the district court considered all the factors for a fair sentence set forth in the Guidelines. <u>See United States v. Alonzo</u>, 435 F.3d 551, 554 (5th Cir. 2006); <u>United States v. Mares</u>, 402 F.3d 511, 518-19 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 126 S. Ct. 43 (2005).

Roman also challenges the constitutionality of § 1326(b) in light of <u>Apprendi v. New Jersey</u>, 530 U.S. 466 (2000). Roman's constitutional challenge is foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres v.</u> <u>United States</u>, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998). Although Roman argues that <u>Almendarez-Torres</u> was incorrectly decided and that a majority of the Supreme Court would overrule <u>Almendarez-Torres</u> in light of <u>Apprendi</u>, we have repeatedly rejected such arguments on the basis that <u>Almendarez-Torres</u> remains binding. <u>See United</u> <u>States v. Garza-Lopez</u>, 410 F.3d 268, 276 (5th Cir.), <u>cert.</u> <u>denied</u>, 126 S. Ct. 298 (2005). Roman properly concedes that his argument is foreclosed in light of <u>Almendarez-Torres</u> and circuit precedent, but he raises it here to preserve it for further review.

AFFIRMED.