IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

FILED October 3, 2007

No. 07-40237 Conference Calendar

Charles R. Fulbruge III Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff-Appellee

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JOSE ARTURO MARTINEZ-LOPEZ

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. 5:06-CR-949-ALL

Before JOLLY, DAVIS, and WIENER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Jose Arturo Martinez-Lopez 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. United States v. Pineda-Arrellano, 492 F.3d 624, 625 (5th Cir. 2007), petition for cert. filed (Aug. 28, 2007) (No. 07-6202). The

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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appellant's motion for summary disposition is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.