

April 21, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 03-20704
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JESUS CORONADO-PINEDA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeals from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. H-01-CR-462-1

Before JOLLY, JONES, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Jesus Coronado-Pineda appeals his guilty-plea conviction for illegal reentry into the United States after deportation. For the first time on appeal, Coronado-Pineda argues that the sentencing provisions of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(1) & (2) are unconstitutional in light of Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000). Coronado-Pineda acknowledges that his argument is foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), but he seeks to preserve the issue for Supreme Court

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

review. Apprendi did not overrule Almendarez-Torres. See Apprendi, 530 U.S. at 489-90; United States v. Dabeit, 231 F.3d 979, 984 (5th Cir. 2000). Accordingly, the judgment of the district court is affirmed.

AFFIRMED.