

March 7, 2007

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 06-20167
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JAVIER MORALES-VEGA, also known as Javier Bega Morales, also
known as Javier Morales, also known as Javier Vega Morales,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:05-CR-155

Before KING, WIENER, and OWEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Javier Morales-
Vega 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this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except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.