

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 06-40841  
Summary Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ALGER EDUARDO FRAGOSA-ALANIZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
(1:06-CR-19-ALL)  
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Before SMITH, WIENER, and OWEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Defendant-Appellant Alger Eduardo Fragosa-Alaniz (Fragosa-Alaniz) appeals his conviction and sentence for illegal reentry. Fragosa-Alaniz's constitutional challenge to 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b) is foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998). Although Fragosa-Alaniz contends that Almendarez-Torres was incorrectly decided and that a majority of the Supreme Court would overrule Almendarez-Torres in light of Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), we have repeatedly rejected such

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

arguments on the basis that Almendarez-Torres remains binding. See United States v. Garza-Lopez, 410 F.3d 268, 276 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 126 S. Ct. 298 (2005). Fragosa-Alaniz properly concedes that his argument is foreclosed in light of Almendarez-Torres and circuit precedent, but he raises it here to preserve it for further review.

The district court, however, erred in enhancing Fragosa-Alaniz's sentence pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2L1.2(b(1)(C) by determining that his state conviction for simple possession of a controlled substance was an "aggravated felony." See United States v. Estrada-Mendoza, 475 F.3d 258, 261 (5th Cir. 2007). We therefore vacate Fragosa-Alaniz's sentence and remand his case for resentencing. See id.

We grant Fragosa-Alaniz's unopposed motion to (1) withdraw his argument that the district court erred in assessing four criminal history points for two prior convictions, (2) affirm his conviction, and (3) vacate and remand his sentence.

MOTION GRANTED; AFFIRMED IN PART, VACATED IN PART AND REMANDED.