

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 15-20487
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

ARTURO MONTES BENAVIDES,

Defendant - Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:15-CR-173-1

ON REMAND FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Before KING, DENNIS, and COSTA, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Arturo Montes Benavides appeals his conviction for illegal reentry after deportation, contending that the district court erred by entering a judgment of conviction under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2) based on a finding that his prior Texas conviction for assault causing bodily injury to a public servant constituted a

* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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“crime of violence” (COV) under the incorporated definition in 18 U.S.C. § 16. Section 16 defines “crime of violence” as:

(a) an offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or

(b) any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

18 U.S.C. § 16. Benavides argues that this prior conviction was not a COV because it did not have force as an element under § 16(a) and because the COV definition at § 16(b) was unconstitutionally vague. We affirmed. *United States v. Benavides*, 671 F. App’x 350 (5th Cir. 2016) (per curiam).

The Supreme Court granted Benavides’s petition for a writ of certiorari, vacated our judgment, and remanded for further consideration in light of *Sessions v. Dimaya*, 138 S. Ct. 1204, 1212, 1223 (2018), which held that § 16(b) was unconstitutionally vague. However, we have subsequently held that a Texas conviction for “intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caus[ing] bodily injury to another,” like Benavides’s prior conviction here, *see* TEX. PENAL CODE §22.01(a)(1), “necessarily requires the use of physical force,” and therefore constitutes a COV under § 16(a). *See United States v. Burris*, 920 F.3d 942, 948 (5th Cir. 2019).

Accordingly, the judgment is AFFIRMED.