

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-50793
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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

CRISTOBAL CASTILLO-VELASQUEZ,

Defendant—Appellant,

Appeals from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC Nos. 2:21-CR-989-1, 2:21-CR-1153-1

Before JONES, SOUTHWICK, and HO, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Cristobal Castillo-Velasquez appeals his conviction and sentence for illegal reentry into the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326 as well as the judgment revoking his term of supervised release for a prior offense. The

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latter challenge is unbriefed and thus abandoned. *See United States v. Reagan*, 596 F.3d 251, 254-55 (5th Cir. 2010).

On appeal, Castillo-Velasquez contends that the recidivism enhancement in § 1326(b) is unconstitutional because it permits a sentence above the otherwise applicable statutory maximum established by § 1326(a) based on facts that are neither alleged in the indictment nor found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Although Castillo-Velasquez acknowledges that this argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), he nevertheless seeks to preserve it for possible Supreme Court review and has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition.

Because Castillo-Velasquez is correct that his argument is foreclosed, *see United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019), summary disposition is appropriate, *see Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969). Accordingly, Castillo-Velasquez's motion is GRANTED, and the district court's judgments are AFFIRMED.