

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 23-50819
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

LUIS MIGUEL HUERTA-PEDRAZA,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 2:23-CR-1076-1

Before JOLLY, HIGGINSON, and DUNCAN, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Luis Miguel Huerta-Pedraza appeals his sentence for illegal reentry into the United States under 8 U.S.C. § 1326. He argues that the recidivism enhancement in § 1326(b) is unconstitutional because it permits a sentence above the applicable maximum in § 1326(a), based on facts neither alleged in the indictment nor found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. As Huerta-

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Pedraza acknowledges, his argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), but he seeks to preserve it for possible Supreme Court review. Accordingly, Huerta-Pedraza has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition.

We have held that subsequent Supreme Court decisions such as *Alleyne v. United States*, 570 U.S. 99 (2013), and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), did not overrule *Almendarez-Torres*. See *United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019). As Huerta-Pedraza concedes that his argument is foreclosed, summary disposition is appropriate. See *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969).

Huerta-Pedraza's motion is GRANTED, and the district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.