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for the Fifth Circuit

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Fifth Circuit

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No. 24-50766  
Summary Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

JORGE ARTURO NANEZ-LOPEZ,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:24-CR-143-1

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

PER CURIAM:\*

Jorge Arturo Nanez-Lopez appeals the sentence imposed following his conviction for illegal reentry in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. Nanez-Lopez challenges the application of the enhanced penalty range in § 1326(b) as unconstitutional because it permits a defendant to be sentenced above the statutory maximum of § 1326(a) based on a prior conviction that was not

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\* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.

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alleged in the indictment or found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. As he correctly concedes, this issue is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998). See *United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019); see also *Erlinger v. United States*, 602 U.S. 821, 838 (2024) (explaining that *Almendarez-Torres* “persists as a narrow exception permitting judges to find only the fact of a prior conviction” (internal quotation marks and citation omitted)). He raises this issue to preserve it for further review. The Government has filed an unopposed motion for summary affirmance or, alternatively, for an extension of time to file a brief.

Because summary affirmance is appropriate, see *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), the Government’s motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, the Government’s alternative motion for an extension of time to file a brief is DENIED, and the district court’s judgment is AFFIRMED.