

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

No. 16-51225
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

MARVIN KENNETH MORALES, also known as Miguel Higareda, also known
as Jose Ayala, also known as Victor Morales,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:16-CR-172-1

Before JONES, WIENER, and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Defendant-Appellant Marvin Kenneth Morales appeals the above-guidelines sentence imposed following his guilty plea for illegal reentry into the United States. He challenges the substantive reasonableness of his sentence. “A non-Guidelines sentence unreasonably fails to reflect the statutory sentencing factors set forth in [18 U.S.C.] § 3553(a) where it (1) does

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not account for a factor that should have received significant weight, (2) gives significant weight to an irrelevant or improper factor, or (3) represents a clear error of judgment in balancing the sentencing factors.” *United States v. Diehl*, 775 F.3d 714, 724 (5th Cir. 2015). “[R]eview for substantive reasonableness is highly deferential.” *Id.* (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

We review the substantive reasonableness of the sentence for abuse of discretion. *See Gall v. United States*, 552 U.S. 38, 51 (2007). The district court based its above-guidelines sentence on permissible statutory sentencing factors. *See* § 3553(a). Morales asks, explicitly in part, that we reweigh the § 3553(a) factors, which is not within the scope of our review. *See Gall*, 552 U.S. at 51. There is no indication that the district court gave improper weight to his history of past offenses or any mitigating factors. *See United States v. Lopez-Velasquez*, 526 F.3d 804, 807 (5th Cir. 2008). Likewise, the degree of the upward variance here does not render the sentence substantively unreasonable. *See United States v. Key*, 599 F.3d 469, 475-76 (5th Cir. 2010); *United States v. Brantley*, 537 F.3d 347, 348-50 (5th Cir. 2008).

The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.