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No. 21-50987
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

HORACIO LOPEZ-VENCES,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 1:21-CR-64-1

Before SMITH, STEWART, and GRAVES, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Horacio Lopez-Vences appeals his conviction and sentence for reentry after deportation under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1). Lopez-Vences argues that treating a prior felony or aggravated felony conviction that increases the statutory maximum under § 1326(b) as a sentencing factor,

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

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rather than a separate element of the offense, violates the Constitution. He has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition and a letter brief explaining that he has raised the issue only to preserve it for further review and correctly conceding that his argument 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).

Because summary disposition is appropriate, see *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), Lopez-Vences's motion is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.