

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 22-50734
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

JOSE MANUEL SALAZAR-HERNANDEZ,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 4:22-CR-173-1

Before JONES, HAYNES, and OLDHAM, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Jose Manuel Salazar-Hernandez appeals his conviction and sentence for reentry after deportation under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(2). Salazar-Hernandez argues that treating a prior felony or aggravated felony conviction that increases the statutory maximum under § 1326(b) as a sentencing factor, rather than a separate element of the offense, violates the Constitution. He

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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), Salazar-Hernandez's motion is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.