

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-10822
Summary Calendar

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

JONATHAN RANGEL-SALAZAR,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 3:24-CR-266-1

Before JONES, DUNCAN, and DOUGLAS, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

Jonathan Rangel-Salazar appeals following his conviction for illegal reentry in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), arguing that the statutory sentencing enhancement in § 1326(b) is unconstitutional. Rangel-Salazar concedes this argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), and the Government has filed an unopposed motion for

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summary affirmance or, in the alternative, for an extension of time in which to file a brief.

The parties are correct that Rangel-Salazar's argument is foreclosed. *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” (citation modified)). Summary affirmance is therefore appropriate. *See Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969). Accordingly, the motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, the alternative motion for an extension of time is DENIED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.