

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-40503
Summary Calendar

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Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

SALMA GALILEA VELIZ,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 5:24-CR-1526-1

Before HAYNES, GRAVES, and RAMIREZ, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

A jury convicted Salma Galilea Veliz of conspiracy to transport an alien within the United States for financial gain, transporting an alien within the United States for financial gain, and bringing an alien to the United States for financial gain. On appeal, Veliz argues that the district court erred when it improperly limited defense counsel's cross-examination of a witness (the

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smuggled alien's mother) and failed to give the jury a cautionary instruction about accomplice testimony.

Veliz has not shown any abuse of discretion in the limitation on cross-examination. *See United States v. Davis*, 393 F.3d 540, 548 (5th Cir. 2004). As for the jury instruction, there was no evidence implicating the mother in the scheme to smuggle her son into the United States, so the district court did not abuse its discretion by refusing to give a cautionary jury instruction on the weight of accomplice testimony. *See United States v. Peterson*, 977 F.3d 381, 390 (5th Cir. 2020). But even if it abused its discretion, Veliz has not shown the requisite influence on the jury's verdict. *See United States v. Bernal*, 814 F.2d 175, 184 (5th Cir. 1987).

AFFIRMED.