IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, | |
| | Plaintiff-Appellee, |
| versus | |
| PAULINO MERCADO PATINO, a.k.a. Cesar Perez Gomez | |
| | Defendant-Appellant. |
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| Appeal from the United States District for the Northern District of Georgi | |
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| (April 9, 2007) | |
| Before DUBINA, CARNES and BARKETT, Circuit Judge | es. |
| PER CURIAM: | |

Paulino Mercado Patino ("Patino") appeals his 87-month sentence for illegal reentry into the United States by a deported alien. On appeal, Patino argues that

his sentence is unreasonable because: (1) the district court relied on an impermissible factor, namely, the government's recommendation to sentence him to the high end of the guideline range; (2) the court did not adequately consider the mitigating factors; and (3) his sentence was greater than necessary to comply with the statutory purposes of sentencing set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

We review the final sentence imposed by the district court for reasonableness. <u>United States v. Winingear</u>, 422 F.3d 1241, 1245-46 (11th Cir. 2005). Having reviewed the record in this case, we find no reversible error.

Among other considerations, the district court adequately considered the § 3553(a) factors and imposed a sentence that was reasonable on the facts of this case. The court explained that it imposed a sentence at the high end of the Guidelines range because the sentence "sufficiently punish[ed] [Patino] for his criminal conduct."

The court stated that it had considered Patino's violent background and the need for the sentence to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct, to promote respect for the law, and to protect the public from further crimes by the defendant.

We also reject as meritless Patino's argument that the district court considered as an impermissible factor its initial belief that the government was going to recommend a sentence at the low end of the Guidelines range.

Furthermore, we find no merit in Patino's claim that the district court violated § 3553(c)(1).

AFFIRMED.