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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

No. 18-11134
Non-Argument Calendar

D.C. Docket No. 1:17-cr-20786-UU-2

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

YEISON VALENCIA TORRES,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Florida

(November 15, 2018)

Before MARTIN, JILL PRYOR and BLACK, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Yeison Torres appeals his 120-month sentence following his conviction for possession with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine while onboard a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, in violation of the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act, 46 U.S.C. § 70501 *et seq.* (MDLEA). Torres contends the MDLEA's exclusion from safety-valve relief provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f) violates his right to equal protection under the Fifth Amendment. Because Torres' sole argument is foreclosed by this Court's decision in *United States v. Castillo*, 899 F.3d 1208, 1213 (11th Cir. 2018), we affirm. *See United States v. Vega-Castillo*, 540 F.3d 1235, 1236 (11th Cir. 2008) ("Under the prior precedent rule, we are bound to follow a prior binding precedent unless and until it is overruled by this court en banc or by the Supreme Court." (quotation omitted)).

AFFIRMED.