

United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit

F I L E DIN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**February 24, 2006**Charles R. Fulbruge III
ClerkNo. 05-50421
Conference CalendarUNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JUAN JOSE HERNANDEZ-FUENTES,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 2:04-CR-610-ALL

Before GARZA, DENNIS, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Juan Jose Hernandez-Fuentes raises arguments that are foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres v. United States, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998), which held that a prior conviction is a sentencing factor under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2) and not a separate criminal offense. The Government's motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

* Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.