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No. 06-40025 Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v.

ROLANDO MOLINA

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
(2:05-CV-536)
(2:94-CR-199-4)

Before REAVLEY, SMITH, and BARKSDALE, Circuit Judges.
PER CURIAM:*

Having been granted a certificate of appealability, Rolando Molina contests the dismissal, as successive, of his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion challenging the district court's 2005 amended judgment of conviction.

As reflected in the record, the district court intended to impose a supervised-release term of more than one year for counts one and two. See United States v. De La Pena-Juarez, 214 F.3d 594, 601 (5th Cir. 2000) (when a written sentence and oral pronouncement

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conflict, the oral pronouncement generally governs, but "it is the district court's intention that ultimately determines the final judgment"). The district court was statutorily mandated to impose a specific term of release for each count. 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(A)(i), (b)(1)(B)(ii)(II). There was an ambiguity between the oral and written judgments; therefore, the district court was authorized under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 36 to correct what was either "a clerical error in [the] judgment, ... or ... an error in the record arising from oversight or omission". FED. R. CRIM. P. 36; see De La Pena-Juarez, 214 F.3d at 601. Accordingly, the amended judgment merely modified the existing, original sentence, which Molina challenged under § 2255 in 1997. Therefore, his 2005 § 2255 motion was successive.

AFFIRMED; MOTION TO EXPAND THE GRANT OF A CERTIFICATE OF

APPEALABILITY DENIED