United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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No. 06-41356 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

WENSESLAO DE LA CRUZ-DE LA CRUZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. 1:06-CR-203-ALL

Before KING, WIENER, and OWEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Wenseslao De La Cruz-De La Cruz raises arguments that are foreclosed by <u>Almendarez-Torres v. United States</u>, 523 U.S. 224, 235 (1998), which held that 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b)(2) is a penalty provision 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.