

April 4, 2007

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 06-41510
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

BERNARDO MEJIA-BANDA, also known as Jorge Mejia,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 7:06-CR-480-1

Before JONES, Chief Judge, and HIGGINBOTHAM and CLEMENT, Circuit
Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Bernardo Mejia-
Banda raises arguments that are foreclosed by Almendarez-Torres
v. United States, 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this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except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.