

## United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Charles R. Fulbruge III  
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Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

BERNARDO MEJIA-BANDA, also known as Jorge Mejia,

Defendant-Appellant.

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

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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