

## United States Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit

**F I L E D**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

April 4, 2007

Charles R. Fulbruge III  
ClerkNo. 06-51328  
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

VICTOR GARCIA-RODRIGUEZ, also known as Victor  
Rodriguez-Garcia,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 3:03-CR-593-ALL  
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Before JONES, Chief Judge, and HIGGINBOTHAM and CLEMENT, Circuit  
Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Appealing the Judgment in a Criminal Case, Victor Garcia-Rodriguez 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.