

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

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Fifth Circuit

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Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

EDDY OLIVER LOPEZ-LOPEZ,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 5:08-CR-537-1

Before KING, JOLLY, and SOUTHWICK, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Appealing the judgment in a criminal case, Eddy Oliver Lopez-Lopez 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. *See United States v. Pineda-Arrellano*, 492 F.3d 624, 625 (5th Cir. 2007). 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.