

# United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 23-50522  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit  
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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

NOEL ALVAREZ-MEZA,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:23-CR-76-1

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Before KING, HAYNES, and GRAVES, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Noel Alvarez-Meza appeals the sentence imposed following his conviction for illegal reentry into the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1). He contends that the sentencing enhancement in § 1326(b) is unconstitutional because it permits a sentence above the otherwise applicable statutory maximum established by § 1326(a) based on

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\* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.

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facts that are neither alleged in the indictment nor found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. He acknowledges that this argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), but he seeks to preserve it for possible Supreme Court review. He therefore has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition.

We have held that subsequent Supreme Court decisions such as *Alleyne v. United States*, 570 U.S. 99 (2013), and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), did not overrule *Almendarez-Torres*. See *United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019). Alvarez-Meza is, therefore, correct that his argument is foreclosed. Accordingly, because summary disposition is appropriate, see *Groendyke Transp. Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), Alvarez-Meza's motion is GRANTED, and the district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.