

APPENDIX A

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

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No. 18-41155  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

July 10, 2019

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

MARLON LEROY PORCH,

Petitioner-Appellant

v.

T. WATSON, Warden,

Respondent-Appellee

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Texas  
USDC No. 1:18-CV-122

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Before BENAVIDES, HIGGINSON, and ENGELHARDT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Marlon Leroy Porch, federal prisoner # 25685-009, appeals the district court's denial of his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 petition in which he challenged the 220-month sentence, later reduced to 177 months, imposed following his guilty plea conviction for conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance. He contends that he should not have received a career offender enhancement at sentencing because his two prior convictions for Arkansas possession of cocaine with

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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intent to deliver no longer qualify as predicate offenses under U.S.S.G. § 4B1.1 in light of *Mathis v. United States*, 136 S. Ct. 2243 (2016).

Where, as here, the district court denied a § 2241 petition on the pleadings, our review is de novo. *See Pack v. Yusuff*, 218 F.3d 448, 451 (5th Cir. 2000). A § 2241 petition cannot be used as a substitute for a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion, and the petitioner must demonstrate the inadequacy or ineffectiveness of a § 2255 motion by satisfying the savings clause of § 2255. *See* § 2255(e); *Jeffers v. Chandler*, 253 F.3d 827, 830 (5th Cir. 2001); *Reyes-Requena v. United States*, 243 F.3d 893, 904 (5th Cir. 2001). A petitioner satisfies the savings clause by showing that a claim (1) “is based on a retroactively applicable Supreme Court decision which establishes that the petitioner may have been convicted of a nonexistent offense,” and (2) “was foreclosed by circuit law at the time when the claim should have been raised in the petitioner’s trial, appeal, or first § 2255 motion.” *Reyes-Requena*, 243 F.3d at 904.

Porch contends only that his sentence was illegally enhanced and does not maintain that he was convicted of a nonexistent crime or that he is actually innocent of the offense of conviction. Challenges to the validity of a sentencing enhancement do not satisfy the savings clause of § 2255(e). *See In re Bradford*, 660 F.3d 226, 230 (5th Cir. 2011); *Padilla v. United States*, 416 F.3d 424, 426-27 (5th Cir. 2005); *Kinder v. Purdy*, 222 F.3d 209, 213-14 (5th Cir. 2000). His reliance on out-of-circuit authority to argue that the savings clause should be extended to encompass sentencing errors is unavailing, as “one panel of our court may not overturn another panel’s decision, absent an intervening change in the law, such as by a statutory amendment, or the Supreme Court, or our en banc court.” *United States v. Traxler*, 764 F.3d 486, 489 (5th Cir. 2014) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).

Accordingly, the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

## APPENDIX B

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

MARLON LEROY PORCH,

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Petitioner,

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versus

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:18-CV-122

WARDEN, USP BEAUMONT,

§

Respondent.

§

**MEMORANDUM ORDER OVERRULING OBJECTIONS AND ADOPTING THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Petitioner, Marlon Leroy Porch, a federal prisoner currently confined at USP Beaumont, proceeding *pro se*, filed this petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

The court referred this matter to the Honorable Zack Hawthorn, United States Magistrate Judge, at Beaumont, Texas, for consideration pursuant to applicable laws and orders of this court. The Magistrate Judge recommends the petition for writ of habeas corpus be denied.

The court has received and considered the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge filed pursuant to such referral, along with the record, and pleadings. Petitioner filed objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation. This requires a *de novo* review of the objections in relation to the pleadings and the applicable law. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b).

After a careful review, this court finds the objections lacking in merit. As outlined by the Magistrate Judge, the Supreme Court has not expressly held that *Mathis* applies retroactively to cases on collateral review. *Mathis v. United States*, 136 S.Ct. 2243 (2016). The Fifth Circuit's decision in *Hinkle* does not compel a different result as the court applied *Mathis* on direct appeal,

not collateral review. *United States v. Hinkle*, 832 F.3d 569 (5th Cir. 2016). Moreover, *Hinkle* was decided by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and not by the Supreme Court.

Finally, petitioner challenges a sentencing enhancement. Thus, petitioner's challenge does not suggest that he was convicted of a nonexistent offense. See *In re Bradford v. Tamez*, 660 F.3d 226, 230 (5th Cir. 2011) ("a claim of actual innocence of a career offender enhancement is not a claim of actual innocence of the crime of conviction and, thus, is not the type of claim that warrants review under § 2241"); *Padilla v. United States*, 16 F.3d 424, 427 (5th Cir. 2005); *Kinder v. Purdy*, 222 F.3d 209, 213-14 (5th Cir. 2000). Petitioner's objections lack merit.

## ORDER

Accordingly, petitioner's objections are **OVERRULED**. The findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Magistrate Judge are correct, and the report of the Magistrate Judge is **ADOPTED**. A Final Judgment will be entered in accordance with the recommendations of the Magistrate Judge.

SIGNED at Beaumont, Texas, this 24th day of October, 2018.



MARCIA A. CRONE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## APPENDIX C

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SUBJECT: RE: ark. state library  
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5-64-401. Criminal penalties.

(a) Controlled Substance -- Manufacturing, Delivering, or Possessing with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver. Except as authorized by subchapters 1-6 of this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance. Any person who violates this subsection with respect to:

(1) Schedule I or II Narcotic Drug or Methamphetamine. (A) (i) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I or Schedule II that is a narcotic drug or methamphetamine, and by aggregate weight, including an adulterant or diluent, is less than twenty-eight grams (28 g), is guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned for not less than ten (10) years nor more than forty (40) years, or life, and shall be fined an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(ii) For any purpose other than disposition, this offense is a Class Y felony.

Ark. Code Ann. 5-64-401 (a).