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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

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MARCELINO HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ ,

*Petitioner,*  
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Respondent.*

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**On Petition for Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit**

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**APPENDIX VOLUME**

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## **APPENDIX A**

**ENTERED**

July 16, 2019

David J. Bradley, Clerk

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**Southern District of Texas**  
**Holding Session in McAllen**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**V.**  
**MARCELINO HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ**

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

CASE NUMBER: 7:18CR00873-S1-002

USM NUMBER: 21641-479

 See Additional Aliases.**THE DEFENDANT:**

- pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 and 6 on November 28, 2018.
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ which was accepted by the court.
- was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<b>Title &amp; Section</b>	<b>Nature of Offense</b>	<b>Offense Ended</b>	<b>Count</b>
8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(v)(I), 1324(a)(1)(A)(iii) and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i)	Conspiracy to harbor aliens within the U.S.	04/30/2018	1

 See Additional Counts of Conviction.

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Count(s) 2-5 of the SS Indict. & Orig. Indict., as to this defendant  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

June 19, 2019

Date of Imposition of Judgment



Signature of Judge

**MICALEA ALVAREZ**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Name and Title of Judge

July 16, 2019

Date

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## ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF CONVICTION

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
21 U.S.C. § 846, 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B)	Conspiracy to possess, with intent to distribute, 100 kilograms or more of marijuana.	05/10/2018	6

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of 108 months as to Count 1 and 135 months as to Count 6, as to each of Counts 1 and 6, said imprisonment terms to run concurrently with each other.

- See Additional Imprisonment Terms.
- The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
- at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
- before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- as notified by the United States Marshal.
- as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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## SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment you will be on supervised release for a term of: 4 years as to Count 6.

See Additional Supervised Release Terms.

## MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
  - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. (check if applicable)
4.  You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. (check if applicable)
5.  You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (check if applicable)
6.  You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. (check if applicable)
7.  You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (check if applicable)

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

## STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

See Special Conditions of Supervision.

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment, you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

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## SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

You must surrender to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and follow all their instructions and reporting requirements until any deportation proceedings are completed. If you are ordered deported from the United States, you must remain outside the United States unless legally authorized to reenter. If you reenter the United States, you must report to the nearest probation office within 72 hours after you return.

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## CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
	\$200.00		

- See Additional Terms for Criminal Monetary Penalties.
- The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.
- The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal payees must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>

See Additional Restitution Payees.  
**TOTALS**

\$0.00 \$0.00

- Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
  - the interest requirement is waived for the  fine  restitution.
  - the interest requirement for the  fine  restitution is modified as follows:
- Based on the Government's motion, the Court finds that reasonable efforts to collect the special assessment are not likely to be effective. Therefore, the assessment is hereby remitted.

\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A  Lump sum payment of \$200.00 due immediately, balance due  
 not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 in accordance with  C,  D,  E, or  F below; or
- B  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with  C,  D, or  F below); or
- C  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ installments of \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_, to commence \_\_\_\_\_ days after the date of this judgment; or
- D  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ installments of \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_, to commence \_\_\_\_\_ days after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ days after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Payable to: Clerk, U.S. District Court  
 Attn: Finance  
 P.O. Box 5059  
 McAllen, TX 78502

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

- Joint and Several

**Case Number**

**Defendant and Co-Defendant Names  
(including defendant number)**

**Total Amount**

**Joint and Several  
Amount**

**Corresponding Payee,  
if appropriate**

- See Additional Defendants and Co-Defendants Held Joint and Several.  
 The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.  
 The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):  
 The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:  
 See Additional Forfeited Property.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

## **APPENDIX B**

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 19-40581  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

September 8, 2020

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

MARCELINO HERNANDEZ-MARTINEZ,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 7:18-CR-873-2

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Before CLEMENT, HIGGINSON, and ENGELHARDT, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Marcelino Hernandez-Martinez pleaded guilty to conspiring to harbor undocumented aliens within the United States and conspiring to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. After determining that a within-guidelines sentence was warranted, the district court sentenced

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\* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE. 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 CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

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him to concurrent prison terms of 108 months for the alien-harboring conspiracy and 135 months for the drug trafficking conspiracy, to be followed by four years of supervised release.

On appeal, Hernandez-Martinez argues that the district court erred by attributing to him the 535.99 kilograms of marijuana seized on July 21, 2017, and the 255.37 kilograms of marijuana seized on August 2, 2017. Although he also vaguely refers to a “September 17, 2017 seizure,” the record does not reflect any offense conduct on that date. Hernandez-Martinez asserts that inclusion of the quantities seized on July 21 and August 2 constituted error because (1) there was no evidence that he was involved on those occasions, and (2) the Government failed to show that either incident was part of the same course of conduct or common scheme or plan as the charged conspiracy.

Contrary to Hernandez-Martinez’s contentions, the district court’s finding that he was involved on the multiple occasions was plausible in light of the record as a whole. *See United States v. Nava*, 957 F.3d 581, 586 (5th Cir. 2020); *United States v. Betancourt*, 422 F.3d 240, 246 (5th Cir. 2005). Hernandez-Martinez admitted that “he conspired and agreed with other persons to possess the marijuana by agreeing to pick it up near Mission, Texas, as well as other nearby cities, and then transport and deliver the controlled substance to other individuals.” He further conceded that “he did so on multiple occasions from on or about July 21st, 2017, to on or about May 10th, 2018.” The presentence report (PSR) detailed that for the July 21 seizure, a search of a GMC Yukon—abandoned near the Rio Grande River following a pursuit—yielded positive results for Hernandez-Martinez’s fingerprints. Less than two weeks later, on August 2, Border Patrol agents intercepted a Chevrolet Tahoe engaged in marijuana smuggling along the river. Inside the Tahoe was a cellphone, which, based on the photographs found therein, could reasonably be inferred to have belonged to Hernandez-

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Martinez or an associate. *See United States v. Coleman*, 609 F.3d 699, 708 (5th Cir. 2010). The photographs found in the cellphone also provided another link to the Yukon abandoned on July 21. In sum, because there was reliable evidence linking Hernandez-Martinez to the marijuana seized on July 21 and August 2, the record supports the district court's finding in this regard. *See Betancourt*, 422 F.3d at 246.

Plain error review applies to the second aspect of Hernandez-Martinez's challenge to the inclusion of the July 21 and August 2 seizures as relevant conduct because Hernandez-Martinez did not object on this specific basis in district court. *See Puckett v. United States*, 556 U.S. 129, 135 (2009); *United States v. Neal*, 578 F.3d 270, 272 (5th Cir. 2009). Our examination of the superseding indictment, the admitted-to factual basis, and the specific facts presented in the PSR does not reveal any clear or obvious error as to the inclusion of the July 21 and August 2 seizures as relevant conduct under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3(a). *See Puckett*, 556 U.S. at 135.

Next, Hernandez-Martinez contends that the district court erred by failing to reduce his offense level pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3B1.2 because he was a minimal or minor participant in the alien-harboring conspiracy. Here, the facts detailed in the PSR supported that Hernandez-Martinez was a primary caretaker of the stash house where the undocumented aliens were being harbored, that he oversaw other caretakers of the stash house, and that he issued several directives to the aliens and forced them to load bundles of marijuana into vehicles. Given these facts, Hernandez-Martinez has not shown that he was substantially less culpable than the average participant in the alien-harboring conspiracy. *See* § 3B1.2, comment. (n.3(A)). Accordingly, the district court's determination that he was not entitled to a minor or minimal role reduction is not clearly erroneous. *See United States v. Gomez-Valle*, 828 F.3d 324, 327 (5th Cir. 2016).

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Finally, while Hernandez-Martinez argues that the district court should have granted him a downward departure pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 4A1.3(b)(1), p.s., based on an over-represented criminal history, there is no indication that the district court mistakenly believed that it lacked the authority to depart. We therefore lack jurisdiction to review this issue. *See United States v. Jefferson*, 751 F.3d 314, 322-23 (5th Cir. 2014).

The judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.