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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

HERMINIO PERALES-PEREZ,
Petitioner
v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Respondent

APPENDIX

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APPENDIX A

United States Court of Appeals
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United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

FILED

October 26, 2020

No. 20-10148
Summary Calendar

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

HERMINIO PERALES-PEREZ,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:19-CR-246-1

Before KING, SMITH, and WILSON, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:*

Herminio Perales-Perez appeals his guilty plea conviction for illegal reentry and the 70-month prison term and three-year supervised release term that followed. *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a), (b)(1). For the following reasons, we AFFIRM.

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

We reject Perales-Perez's assertion that the sentence imposed is substantively unreasonable because his argument is purely conclusory, unsupported by record citations, and essentially unbriefed. Although Perales-Perez contends that the sentence and the reasons given for it fail to consider and give significant weight to mitigating factors, he does not identify any such factors. We will not search the record to find support for Perales-Perez's counseled brief. *See Nicholas Acoustics & Specialty Co. v. H & M Const. Co.*, 695 F.2d 839, 846–47 (5th Cir. 1983); *see also* FED. R. APP. P. 28(a)(8)(A). “Inadequately briefed issues are deemed abandoned.” *United States v. Stevens*, 487 F.3d 232, 244 (5th Cir. 2007); *see also United States v. Cothran*, 302 F.3d 279, 286 n.7 (5th Cir. 2002); *Yohey v. Collins*, 985 F.2d 222, 224–25 (5th Cir. 1993). Similarly, Perales-Perez’s one-line contention that the district court relied solely, and thus improperly, on his criminal history is deemed abandoned because it is conclusory and is merely mentioned in passing without being developed into an argument. *See Stevens*, 487 F.3d at 242 n.1; *Cothran*, 302 F.3d at 286 n.7. We do not liberally construe a counseled brief. *Woodfox v. Cain*, 609 F.3d 774, 792 (5th Cir. 2010).

Perales-Perez also contends that it was error to sentence him to a term of imprisonment greater than two years and a term of supervised release longer than one year for a violation of § 1326. He states that this issue raises subsidiary issues, the first being whether the statutory enhancement provisions in § 1326(b) are unconstitutional because Congress unequivocally intended the enhancements to be sentencing factors, not elements of separate offenses. The second subsidiary issue is whether his guilty plea was involuntary and violated Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 because he was not admonished that the prior felony provision of § 1326(b)(1) stated an essential offense element that he had the right to have the government prove, and a jury find, beyond a reasonable doubt. Perales-Perez concedes that any

relief in connection with these issues is foreclosed under *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224, 226–27 (1998). He nevertheless raises them to preserve them for further review.

AFFIRMED.

APPENDIX B

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

By _____ Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Case Number: 4:19-CR-246-A(01)

HERMINIO PERALES-PEREZ

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JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Levi Thomas. The defendant, HERMINIO PERALES-PEREZ, was represented by Federal Public Defender through Assistant Federal Public Defender Jaidee Serrano.

The defendant pleaded guilty on September 20, 2019 to the one count indictment filed on August 14, 2019. Accordingly, the court ORDERS that the defendant be, and is hereby, adjudged guilty of such count involving the following offense:

Title & Section / Nature of Offense	Date Offense Concluded	Count
8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1) Illegal Reentry After Deportation	January 20, 2019	1

As pronounced and imposed on January 31, 2020, the defendant is sentenced as provided in this judgment.

The court ORDERS that the defendant immediately pay to the United States, through the Clerk of this Court, a special assessment of \$100.00.

The court further ORDERS that the defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence address, or mailing address, as set forth below, until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this Judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant shall notify the court, through the clerk of this court, and the Attorney General, through the United States Attorney for this district, of any material change in the defendant's economic circumstances.

IMPRISONMENT

The court further ORDERS that the defendant be, and is hereby, committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 70 months.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

SUPERVISED RELEASE

The court further ORDERS that, upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years. The court imposed a term of supervised release because it will provide an added measure of deterrence and protection based on the facts and circumstances of this case.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3583(d), as a condition of supervised release, upon the completion of the sentence of imprisonment the defendant shall be surrendered by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to a duly-authorized immigration official for deportation in accordance with the established procedures provided by the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. As a further condition of supervised release, if ordered deported the defendant shall remain outside the United States.

In the event the defendant is not deported immediately upon release from imprisonment, or should the defendant ever be within the United States during any portion of the term of supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the following conditions of supervised release:

1. The defendant shall not unlawfully possess controlled substances.
2. The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.
3. The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the U.S. Probation Officer, as authorized by the Justice for All Act of 2004.
4. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance, submitting to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as directed by the probation officer pursuant to the mandatory drug testing provision of the 1994 crime bill.
5. The defendant shall also comply with the Standard Conditions of Supervision as hereinafter set forth.

Standard Conditions of Supervision

1. The defendant shall report in person to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within seventy-two (72) hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.
2. The defendant shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon.
3. The defendant shall provide to the U.S. Probation Officer any requested financial information.
4. The defendant shall not leave the judicial district where the defendant is being supervised without the permission of the Court or U.S. Probation Officer.

5. The defendant shall report to the U.S. Probation Officer as directed by the court or U.S. Probation Officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five (5) days of each month.
6. The defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the U.S. Probation Officer and follow the instructions of the U.S. Probation Officer.
7. The defendant shall support his dependents and meet other family responsibilities.
8. The defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation unless excused by the U.S. Probation Officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons.
9. The defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten (10) days prior to any change in residence or employment.
10. The defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any narcotic or other controlled substance, or any paraphernalia related to such substances, except as prescribed by a physician.
11. The defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered.
12. The defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the U.S. Probation Officer.
13. The defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the U.S. Probation Officer.
14. The defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two (72) hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer.
15. The defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court.
16. As directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics, and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

The court hereby directs the probation officer to provide defendant with a written statement that sets forth all the conditions to which the term of supervised release is subject, as contemplated and required by 18 U.S.C. § 3583(f).

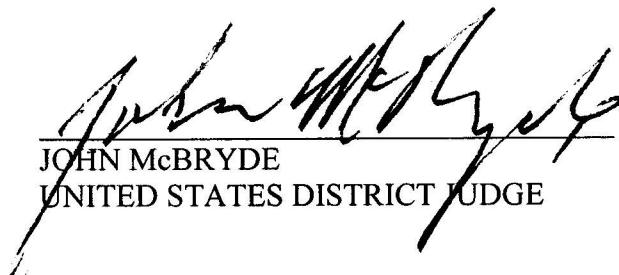
FINE

The court did not order a fine because the defendant does not have the financial resource or future earning capacity to pay a fine.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The "Statement of Reasons" and personal information about the defendant are set forth on the attachment to this judgment.

Signed this the 31st day of January, 2020.


JOHN McBRYDE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

RETURN

I have executed the imprisonment part of this Judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____, 2020 to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this Judgment.

United States Marshal for the
Northern District of Texas

By _____
Deputy United States Marshal