

APPENDIX A

United States v. Pacheco-Apodaca,
Nos. 21-51108 and 21-51110
(5th Cir. May 12, 2022) (per curiam)

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 21-51108
CONSOLIDATED WITH
No. 21-51110
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

LEOPOLDO PACHECO-APODACA,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 4:21-CR-552-1
USDC No. 4:21-CR-736-1

Before JOLLY, WILLETT, and ENGELHARDT, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

No. 21-51108 c/w 21-51110

Leopoldo Pacheco-Apodaca appeals his conviction and sentence for illegal reentry after removal under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1), along with the revocation of the term of supervised release that he was serving at the time of the offense. He has not briefed, and has therefore abandoned, any challenge to the revocation of supervised release or his revocation sentence. *See United States v. Reagan*, 596 F.3d 251, 254-55 (5th Cir. 2010).

For the first time on appeal, Pacheco-Apodaca contends that § 1326(b) is unconstitutional because it permits a defendant to be sentenced above the statutory maximum of § 1326(a) based on the fact of a prior conviction that was not alleged in the indictment or found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt. Pacheco-Apodaca correctly concedes that the argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998). *See, e.g., United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019). However, he wishes to preserve the issue for further review and has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition. Because summary disposition is appropriate, *see Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), Pacheco-Apodaca's motion is GRANTED, and the district court's judgment is AFFIRMED.

APPENDIX B

Indictment,
United States v. Pacheco-Apodaca,
4:21-CR-552-DC
(W.D. Tex. June 10, 2021)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
PECOS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LEOPOLDO PACHECO-APODACA,

Defendant.

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INDICTMENT

[Vio: 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) & (b)(1), Illegal Re-
entry into the United States]

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

[8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) & (b)(1)]

That on or about May 17, 2021, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant,

LEOPOLDO PACHECO-APODACA,

an alien, attempted to enter, entered, and was found in the United States having previously been denied admission, excluded, deported, and removed from the United States on or about January 08, 2021, and that the Defendant had not received consent of the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary of Homeland Security, to reapply for admission to the United States, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) & (b)(1).

A TRUE BILL.

Original signed by the
foreperson of the Grand Jury
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

ASHLEY C. HOFF
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

BY:

Eduardo R. Mendoza
EDUARDO R. MENDOZA

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

APPENDIX C

8 U.S.C. § 1326



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Proposed Legislation

[United States Code Annotated](#)

[Title 8. Aliens and Nationality \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

[Chapter 12. Immigration and Nationality \(Refs & Annos\)](#)

[Subchapter II. Immigration](#)

[Part VIII. General Penalty Provisions](#)

8 U.S.C.A. § 1326

§ 1326. Reentry of removed aliens

Effective: September 30, 1996

[Currentness](#)

(a) In general

Subject to subsection (b), any alien who--

(1) has been denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed or has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding, and thereafter

(2) enters, attempts to enter, or is at any time found in, the United States, unless (A) prior to his reembarkation at a place outside the United States or his application for admission from foreign contiguous territory, the Attorney General has expressly consented to such alien's reapplying for admission; or (B) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, unless such alien shall establish that he was not required to obtain such advance consent under this chapter or any prior Act,

shall be fined under Title 18, or imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

(b) Criminal penalties for reentry of certain removed aliens

Notwithstanding subsection (a), in the case of any alien described in such subsection--

(1) whose removal was subsequent to a conviction for commission of three or more misdemeanors involving drugs, crimes against the person, or both, or a felony (other than an aggravated felony), such alien shall be fined under Title 18, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both;

(2) whose removal was subsequent to a conviction for commission of an aggravated felony, such alien shall be fined under such title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both;

(3) who has been excluded from the United States pursuant to [section 1225\(c\)](#) of this title because the alien was excludable under [section 1182\(a\)\(3\)\(B\)](#) of this title or who has been removed from the United States pursuant to the

provisions of subchapter V, and who thereafter, without the permission of the Attorney General, enters the United States, or attempts to do so, shall be fined under Title 18 and imprisoned for a period of 10 years, which sentence shall not run concurrently with any other sentence.¹ or

(4) who was removed from the United States pursuant to [section 1231\(a\)\(4\)\(B\)](#) of this title who thereafter, without the permission of the Attorney General, enters, attempts to enter, or is at any time found in, the United States (unless the Attorney General has expressly consented to such alien's reentry) shall be fined under Title 18, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term “removal” includes any agreement in which an alien stipulates to removal during (or not during) a criminal trial under either Federal or State law.

(c) Reentry of alien deported prior to completion of term of imprisonment

Any alien deported pursuant to [section 1252\(h\)\(2\)](#)² of this title who enters, attempts to enter, or is at any time found in, the United States (unless the Attorney General has expressly consented to such alien's reentry) shall be incarcerated for the remainder of the sentence of imprisonment which was pending at the time of deportation without any reduction for parole or supervised release. Such alien shall be subject to such other penalties relating to the reentry of deported aliens as may be available under this section or any other provision of law.

(d) Limitation on collateral attack on underlying deportation order

In a criminal proceeding under this section, an alien may not challenge the validity of the deportation order described in subsection (a)(1) or subsection (b) unless the alien demonstrates that--

- (1) the alien exhausted any administrative remedies that may have been available to seek relief against the order;
- (2) the deportation proceedings at which the order was issued improperly deprived the alien of the opportunity for judicial review; and
- (3) the entry of the order was fundamentally unfair.

CREDIT(S)

(June 27, 1952, c. 477, Title II, ch. 8, § 276, 66 Stat. 229; [Pub.L. 100-690, Title VII, § 7345\(a\)](#), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4471; [Pub.L. 101-649, Title V, § 543\(b\)\(3\)](#), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 5059; [Pub.L. 103-322, Title XIII, § 130001\(b\)](#), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2023; [Pub.L. 104-132, Title IV, §§ 401\(c\)](#), 438(b), 441(a), Apr. 24, 1996, 110 Stat. 1267, 1276, 1279; [Pub.L. 104-208](#), Div. C, Title III, §§ 305(b), 308(d)(4)(J), (e)(1)(K), (14)(A), 324(a), (b), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-606, 3009-618 to 3009-620, 3009-629.)

[Notes of Decisions \(1300\)](#)

Footnotes

1 So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

2 So in original. [Section 1252](#) of this title, was amended by [Pub.L. 104-208](#), Div. C, Title III, § 306(a)(2), Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-607, and as so amended, does not contain a subsec. (h); for provisions similar to those formerly contained in [section 1252\(h\)\(2\)](#) of this title, see [8 U.S.C.A. § 1231\(a\)\(4\)](#).

8 U.S.C.A. § 1326, 8 USCA § 1326

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