

APPENDIX A

United States v. Cante-Dondiego,
No. 21-51069
(5th Cir. Aug. 10, 2022)

United States Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 21-51069
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

JOSE RENE CANTE-DONDIEGO,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 3:21-CR-895-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, GRAVES, and HO, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

Jose Rene Cante-Dondiego appeals his conviction and sentence for illegal reentry after deportation under 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b)(1). Cante-Dondiego argues that treating a prior felony or aggravated felony conviction that increases the statutory maximum under § 1326(b) as a sentencing factor,

* Pursuant to 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIRCUIT RULE 47.5.4.

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rather than a separate element of the offense, violates the Constitution. He has filed an unopposed motion for summary disposition and a letter brief explaining that he has raised the issue only to preserve it for further review and correctly conceding that his argument is foreclosed by *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998). See *United States v. Pervis*, 937 F.3d 546, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2019).

Because summary disposition is appropriate, see *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969), Cante-Dondiego's motion is GRANTED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

APPENDIX B

United States v. Cante-Dondiego,
Indictment,
No. EP-21-CR-895
(W.D. Tex. May 26, 2021)

JUDGE DAVID GUADERRAMA

FILED

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION**

MAY 26 2021

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE RENE CANTE-DONDIEGO,

Defendant.

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CRIMINAL NO. EP-

INDICTMENT

CT 1: 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) & (b)(1) – Illegal Re-Entry

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BY D. T.
DEPUTY CLERK

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

EP21CR0895

COUNT ONE

(8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) & (b)(1))

On or about April 27, 2021, in the Western District of Texas, Defendant,

JOSE RENE CANTE-DONDIEGO,

an alien, who had previously been excluded, deported, and removed from the United States, attempted to enter, entered, and was found in the United States, without having previously received express consent to reapply for admission from the United States Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security, the successor pursuant to Title 6, United States Code, Sections 202(3), 202(4) and 557, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b)(1).

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REDACTED PURSUANT TO
E-GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2002
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

ASHLEY C. HOFF
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

BY: 
Assistant U.S. Attorney

APPENDIX C

8 U.S.C. § 1326

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 \(1512\)](#)

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

Current through P.L. 117-102. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.

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