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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff – Appellee,

v.

RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ-CARBAJAL,

Defendant – Appellant.

No. 07-50266

D.C. No. CR-06-00086-DMS-1

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California  
Dana M. Sabraw, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted April 15, 2008\*\*

Before: B. FLETCHER, FISHER and PAEZ, Circuit Judges.

This is an appeal of the district court’s sentence for appellant’s violation of 8  
U.S.C. § 1326.

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

We have reviewed the record and the opening brief and conclude that the questions raised in this appeal are so insubstantial as not to require further argument. *See United States v. Hooton*, 693 F.2d 857, 858 (9th Cir. 1982) (per curiam) (stating standard). The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224, 247 (1998), remains binding on this court until the Court overrules it. *See United States v. Weiland*, 420 F.3d 1062, 1079 n.16 (9th Cir. 2005) (noting that this court remains bound by the Supreme Court's holding in *Almendarez-Torres* that the district court may enhance a sentence on the basis of prior convictions, even if the fact of those convictions was not found by a jury beyond a reasonable doubt).

Accordingly, the government's motion for summary affirmance of the district court's judgment is granted.

**AFFIRMED.**