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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RAMIRO ALVARADO-FLORES,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 09-50268

D.C. No. 3:09-CR-00172-MJL

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted June 29, 2010**

Before: ALARCÓN, LEAVY, and GRABER, Circuit Judges.

Ramiro Alvarado-Flores appeals from the 75-month sentence imposed following his guilty-plea conviction for being a deported alien found in the United States, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1326. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291, and we affirm.

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

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

Alvarado-Flores contends that the district court erred by determining that his prior conviction for assault with a deadly weapon, in violation of California Penal Code § 245(a)(1), constituted a crime of violence under U.S.S.G. § 2L1.2, because section 245(a)(1) does not contain the requisite use of force and is a general intent crime. These contentions are foreclosed. *See United States v. Grajeda*, 581 F.3d 1186, 1191-97 (9th Cir. 2009).

Alvarado-Flores also contends that the district court erred by imposing a sentence in excess of the two-year statutory maximum for an 8 U.S.C. § 1326 violation. He argues that the Supreme Court's decision in *Almendarez-Torres v. United States*, 523 U.S. 224 (1998), has been undermined and that 8 U.S.C. § 1326(b) is unconstitutional. These contentions are foreclosed. *See United States v. Grisel*, 488 F.3d 844, 846-47 (9th Cir. 2007) (en banc); *see also United States v. Beng-Salazar*, 452 F.3d 1088, 1091 (9th Cir. 2006).

AFFIRMED.