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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff - Appellant,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>MAURILLO TREJO,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant - Appellee.</p>
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No. 09-30354

D.C. No. 2:09-cr-06003-RHW

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Washington  
Robert H. Whaley, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted December 19, 2011\*\*

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and McKEOWN, Circuit Judges.

The government appeals from the district court’s order granting defendant Maurillo Trejo’s motion to suppress evidence seized pursuant to a vehicle search incident to his arrest. We have jurisdiction under 18 U.S.C. § 3731, and we vacate the order and remand for reconsideration.

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

The government concedes that the search of Trejo’s vehicle after he was handcuffed and placed in the back of a patrol car was unconstitutional under *Arizona v. Gant*, 556 U.S. 332 (2009), but contends that it was permissible under the good-faith exception for searches conducted in reliance on binding precedent. The Supreme Court recently held that “searches conducted in objectively reasonable reliance on binding appellate precedent are not subject to the exclusionary rule.” *Davis v. United States*, 131 S. Ct. 2419, 2428-29 (2011). The search of Trejo’s vehicle occurred prior to the Supreme Court’s decision in *Gant*, and was conducted in compliance with *New York v. Belton*, 453 U.S. 454, 460 (1981), which was binding appellate precedent at the time of the search. Accordingly, we vacate and remand for the district court to reconsider its order in light of *Davis*.

**VACATED AND REMANDED.**