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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

LUIS FERNANDO SALAS-RIVERA,

Defendant - Appellee.

No. 10-50595

D.C. No. 3:09-cr-04427-H-1

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of California  
Marilyn L. Huff, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted April 11, 2012  
Pasadena, California

Before: FERNANDEZ and SILVERMAN, Circuit Judges, and BLOCK, Senior  
District Judge.\*\*

The government appeals the district court’s grant of a new trial in this case.

Fed. R. Crim. P. 33(a) allows the district court to grant a new trial “if the interest of  
justice so requires.” We review the district court’s grant of new trial for an abuse

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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 Honorable Frederic Block, Senior United States District Judge for  
the Eastern New York, sitting by designation.

of discretion. *United States v. Kellington*, 217 F.3d 1084, 1094-95 (9th Cir. 2000).

We affirm the grant of a new trial because the district court acted within its discretion in concluding that the expert testimony was unduly prejudicial under Fed. R. Evid. 403 and likely resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

AFFIRMED.