

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 98-20134  
Summary Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

GERMAN MORALES-MALDONADO,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. H-97-CR-242-1  
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November 18, 1998

Before JOLLY, SMITH, and WIENER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

German Morales-Maldonado appeals his guilty plea conviction for transporting illegal aliens in the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii). Morales-Maldonado argues that the criminal information was defective. As conceded by the Government, the information failed to allege an essential element of the offense. See United States v. Morales-Rosales, 838 F.2d 1359, 1361 (5th Cir. 1988). Therefore, Morales-Maldonado's conviction is reversed, and the case is remanded to the district court for dismissal of the information.

REVERSED AND REMANDED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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