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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 25-4236

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

PAUL ANTHONY VALDEZ, JR.,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, at Asheville. Martin K. Reidinger, Chief District Judge. (1:23-cr-00077-MR-WCM-1)

Submitted: April 29, 2026 Decided: August 25, 2026

Before GREGORY, QUATTLEBAUM, and BERNER, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

ON BRIEF: John G. Baker, Federal Public Defender, Melissa S. Baldwin, Assistant Federal Public Defender, OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, Asheville, North Carolina, for Appellant. Russ Ferguson, United States Attorney, Amy E. Ray, Assistant United States Attorney, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Asheville, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Paul Anthony Valdez, Jr. entered a conditional guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), reserving his right to appeal the district court's denial of his suppression motion. On appeal, he challenges the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence found in connection with his arrest and the search of a vehicle in which he was a passenger. Having reviewed the record, we find no reversible error in the district court's decision that probable cause and good faith reliance supported the officers' actions in arresting Valdez and searching the vehicle. Accordingly, we affirm the district court's judgment. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED