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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

V.

CARLOS PEREZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 16-2271 (D.C. Nos. 2:16-CV-00545-RB-SMV and 2:04-CR-01308-RB-1) (D.N.M.)

ORDER DENYING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

Before KELLY, MURPHY, and MATHESON, Circuit Judges.

Defendant-Appellant Carlos Perez seeks a certificate of appealability ("COA") to appeal from the district court's denial of his motion to correct his sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Mr. Perez contends that the calculation of his sentencing guideline range relied on language found unconstitutionally vague in Johnson v. United States, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015). See U.S.S.G. § 4B1.2(a)(2). The district court found that Mr. Perez's status as a career offender resulted from the application of an enumerated offense (burglary of a dwelling) in § 4B1.2(a), not the language found wanting in Johnson. But even had that language been applied, the Supreme Court recently held that the void-for-vagueness holding in Johnson does not apply to the Sentencing Guidelines. Beckles v. United States,

No. 15-8544, 2017 WL 855781, at *6–7 (U.S. Mar. 6, 2017). Accordingly, we DENY Mr. Perez's request for a COA and DISMISS the appeal.

Entered for the Court

Paul J. Kelly, Jr. Circuit Judge