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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 19-13405  
Non-Argument Calendar

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D.C. Docket No. 8:11-cr-00550-VMC-SPF-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

RONALD JOHN HEROMIN,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Middle District of Florida

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(January 14, 2021)

Before WILSON, ROSENBAUM, and ED CARNES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Ronald Heromin, a federal prisoner acting pro se, appeals the district court's denial of his motion for relief from his judgment of conviction, which he brought under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b), and the district court's denial of his

motion for reconsideration of that order. The government has moved to dismiss the appeal or for summary affirmance and to stay the briefing schedule.

Summary disposition is appropriate when “the position of one of the parties is clearly right as a matter of law so that there can be no substantial question as to the outcome of the case, or where, as is more frequently the case, the appeal is frivolous.” Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969).<sup>1</sup> An appeal is frivolous if it is “without arguable merit either in law or fact.” Napier v. Preslicka, 314 F.3d 528, 531 (11th Cir. 2002) (quotation marks omitted).

Even putting aside questions about the use of Rule 60(b) to attack a criminal conviction, see United States v. Mosavi, 138 F.3d 1365, 1366 (11th Cir. 1998); see also Gonzalez v. Crosby, 545 U.S. 524 (2005), Heromin’s claims are frivolous on their face. To the extent the claims are based on his being a sovereign citizen, we have rejected as frivolous arguments that people who proclaim themselves “sovereign citizens” are not subject to the jurisdiction of any courts. See, e.g., United States v. Sterling, 738 F.3d 228, 233 n.1 (11th Cir. 2013). And his claim that all of Title 18 of the United States Code is invalid is patently frivolous. There is “no substantial question as to the outcome of the case,” Davis, 406 F.2d at 1162,

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<sup>1</sup> We are bound by cases decided by the former Fifth Circuit before October 1, 1981. Bonner v. City of Pritchard, 661 F.2d 1206, 1209 (11th Cir. 1981) (en banc).

and the appeal plainly is “without arguable merit either in law or fact,” Napier, 314 F.3d at 531 (quotation marks omitted).

We GRANT the government’s motion for SUMMARY AFFIRMANCE and DENY AS MOOT its motion to stay the briefing schedule.