## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

FILED February 18, 2009

No. 07-31180 Conference Calendar

Charles R. Fulbruge III Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

**REGINALD WHITE** 

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana USDC No. 2:07-CR-53-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, DENNIS, and PRADO, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:<sup>\*</sup>

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Reginald White has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v*. *California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). White has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of White's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel; such claims generally "cannot be resolved on direct appeal when [they have] not been raised before the district court since no

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.

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opportunity existed to develop the record on the merits of the allegations." *United States v. Cantwell*, 470 F.3d 1087, 1091 (5th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Our independent review of the record, counsel's brief, and White's response discloses no nonfrivolous issue for appeal. Accordingly, the motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.