

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 00-10279  
Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

LEONARDO CASTANEDA, also known as Hector,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 3:99-CR-76-7-X  
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October 19, 2000

Before SMITH, BARKSDALE, and BENAVIDES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Court-appointed counsel for Leonardo Castaneda has requested leave to withdraw as counsel and has filed a brief as required by *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Castaneda filed a response and a motion for appointment of substitute counsel, or in the alternative, to proceed pro se on appeal. His motion is DENIED. Our independent review of the brief, Castaneda's response, and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue. Accordingly, counsel's motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities, and the appeal is DISMISSED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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