IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

> No. 01-21044 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

KENNETH PAUL ALEX,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. H-01-CR-100-1 February 20, 2003

Before WIENER, EMILIO M. GARZA, and CLEMENT, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:\*

Jerome Godinich, Jr., court-appointed appellate counsel for Kenneth Paul Alex, has requested leave to withdraw and has filed a brief as required by <u>Anders v. California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Alex has received a copy of counsel's motion but has not filed a response. Alex knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to appeal sentencing issues, and our independent review of the briefs and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue for appeal.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

Accordingly, counsel's motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein, and the appeal is DISMISSED. <u>See</u> 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.