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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 02-10996 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

PATRICK DESHAN THOMPSON, also known as Play Pretty,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas USDC No. 5:02-CR-38-1-C

Before DAVIS, BARKSDALE, and STEWART, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:\*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Patrick Deshan Thompson has requested leave to withdraw as counsel and has filed a brief as required by <u>Anders v. California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Thompson has filed a response asserting insufficient evidence and ineffective assistance of counsel and requesting appointment of new appellate counsel.

Our independent review of the brief, Thompson's response, 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.

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

Because the appeal is dismissed, Thompson's motion for appointment of counsel is DENIED.