United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 02-20638 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

IVAN CRUZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. H-01-CR-373-1

Before DAVIS, BARKSDALE, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Counsel appointed to represent Ivan Cruz has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief as required by <u>Anders v.</u> <u>California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Cruz has not filed a response. Our independent review of the brief and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue in this direct appeal. Accordingly, the 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.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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