

April 24, 2003

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-20669
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

JESUS VELA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. H-01-CR-907-1

Before DAVIS, BARKSDALE, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Court-appointed counsel for appellant Jesus Vela has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief as required by Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Vela 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

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

further responsibilities herein, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

See 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.