

April 23, 2003

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-20764
Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

STERLING THOMAS,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. H-00-CR-540-1

Before DAVIS, BARKSDALE, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Court-appointed counsel for Sterling Thomas has filed a motion to withdraw as counsel and a brief in accordance with Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Thomas has not filed a response. Our independent review of the record and counsel's brief discloses no nonfrivolous issue. Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED. See 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.