

February 18, 2004

Charles R. Fulbruge III
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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-41277
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

LESTER CHARLES HAWKINS,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Texas
USDC No. 6:01-CR-39-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, DAVIS and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Court-appointed counsel for Lester Charles Hawkins has moved for leave to withdraw from this direct appeal and has filed a brief as required by Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Hawkins has received a copy of counsel's motion and brief but has not filed a response. Our independent review of the brief and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue in this appeal. Accordingly, counsel's motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein, 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.