United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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No. 03-41107 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

OSCAR RAMIREZ-MENDOZA,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas USDC No. 1:02-CR-150-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, EMILIO M. GARZA, and PRADO, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Oscar Ramirez-Mendoza (Ramirez) has moved for leave to withdraw from this direct appeal and has filed a brief as required by <u>Anders v.</u> <u>California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Ramirez 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 disclose no nonfrivolous issue in this appeal. Accordingly, the motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

responsibilities herein, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED. See 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.