

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

No. 17-40782
Conference Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

VERONICA RAMOS,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeals from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 2:16-CR-836-1

Before KING, ELROD, and WILLETT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent Veronica Ramos has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and *United States v. Flores*, 632 F.3d 229 (5th Cir. 2011). Ramos has filed a response. We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Ramos's response. We concur with counsel's assessment that the appeal presents no nonfrivolous issue for

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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appellate review. Ramos largely complains that she received ineffective assistance of counsel during her sentencing. Although her guilty plea reserved her right to raise such a challenge, ineffective-assistance claims are appropriately raised on collateral review under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, not direct appeal. *Massaro v. United States*, 538 U.S. 500, 504-06 (2003).

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.