

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

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Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

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No. 19-50240  
Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

JAMES HOWARD HOUSTON, also known as James Houston, also known as  
Jimmy Houston, also known as James H. Houston,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 5:17-CR-774-1

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Before ELROD, SOUTHWICK, and COSTA, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The attorney appointed to represent James Howard Houston 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). Houston has filed a response. The record is not sufficiently developed to allow us to make a fair evaluation of Houston's claims of

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\* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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ineffective assistance of counsel; we therefore decline to consider the claims without prejudice to collateral review. *See United States v. Isgar*, 739 F.3d 829, 841 (5th Cir. 2014).

We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Houston's response. We concur with counsel's assessment that the appeal presents no nonfrivolous issue for appellate review. Accordingly, the 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.