

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 23-40522  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

PEDRO CRUZ ALMEIDA, JR.,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 7:23-CR-350-1

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Before SMITH, HIGGINSON, and ENGELHARDT, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Pedro Cruz Almeida, Jr., 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). Almeida has not filed a response. We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record

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reflected therein. We concur with counsel's assessment that the appeal presents no nonfrivolous issue for appellate review. 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.