

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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No. 98-20697  
Conference Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

GRATINIANO TOVAR-VALENCIA,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 97-CR-172-5  
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April 15, 1999

Before JONES, SMITH, and DUHÉ, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Court-appointed counsel for Gratiniano Tovar-Valencia has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief as required by Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Tovar-Valencia has filed a response. Our independent review of the brief, the record, and Tovar-Valencia's response discloses no nonfrivolous issue. Accordingly, the motion for leave to withdraw is GRANTED, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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