IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 98-40781 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

GILBERTO REGALADO RAMIREZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. B-98-CR-207-1

April 16, 1999

Before JONES, SMITH, and DUHÉ, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

Court-appointed counsel for Gilberto Regalado Ramirez moves to withdraw as appellate counsel and has filed a brief as required by Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Ramirez did not file a response to counsel's motion. We have independently reviewed counsel's brief and the record and found no nonfrivolous issue. Accordingly, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

See 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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