

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

United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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No. 10-40968  
Summary Calendar

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

ELIAS GOMEZ-GUZMAN,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 5:09-CR-2528-1

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Before JOLLY, GARZA, and STEWART, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Elias Gomez-Guzman 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). Gomez-Guzman has filed a response. To the extent Gomez-Guzman asserts a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel, the record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration of that claim at this time; such a claim generally “cannot be resolved on direct appeal when the claim has not been

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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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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raised before the district court since no opportunity existed to develop the record on the merits of the allegations.” *United States v. Cantwell*, 470 F.3d 1087, 1091 (5th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). We have reviewed counsel’s brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Gomez-Guzman’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.