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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 16-11692  
Non-Argument Calendar

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D.C. Docket No. 1:15-cr-00242-MHC-LTW-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

MANUEL PINEDA-HIGUERA,  
a.k.a. Rodolfo Almason-Avila,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Georgia

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(March 10, 2017)

Before MARCUS, JULIE CARNES and JILL PRYOR, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Lynn Fant Merritt, appointed counsel for Manuel Pineda-Higuera in this direct criminal appeal, has moved to withdraw from further representation of the appellant and filed a brief pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967).

Our independent review of the entire record reveals that counsel's assessment of the relative merit of the appeal is correct. Because independent examination of the entire record reveals no arguable issues of merit, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED** and Pineda-Higuera's conviction and sentence is **AFFIRMED**.