

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

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 12-40225
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

HERSCHEL WAYNE CARUTHERS,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 2:11-CR-763-1

Before REAVLEY, JOLLY, and DAVIS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Herschel Wayne Caruthers 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). Caruthers has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Caruthers's claims of ineffective assistance of counsel; such claims generally "cannot be resolved on direct appeal when the claim has not been raised before the district court since

* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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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 Caruthers’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. Caruthers’s motion for the appointment of substitute counsel is DENIED.