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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 08-15261  
Non-Argument Calendar

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D. C. Docket No. 07-00107-CR-ORL-28-GJK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ELIAS MALDONADO,  
a.k.a. Gordo,

Defendant-Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Middle District of Florida

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(October 30, 2009)

Before TJOFLAT, EDMONDSON and COX, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Michael G. Donaldson, appointed counsel for Elias Maldonado, has moved to withdraw from further representation of the appellant, because, in his opinion, the appeal is without merit. Counsel has filed a brief pursuant to Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, 18 L.Ed.2d 493 (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 Maldonado's conviction and sentence are **AFFIRMED**.