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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

No. 15-14502
Non-Argument Calendar

D.C. Docket No. 1:14-cr-00033-WLS-TQL-1

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

KENNETH E. THORNTON

Defendant-Appellant.

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

(May 15, 2017)

Before WILLIAM PRYOR, JORDAN and ROSENBAUM, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Sydney R. Strickland, appointed counsel for Kenneth Thornton 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 Thornton's conviction and sentence are **AFFIRMED**.