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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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No. 07-50766 Conference Calendar

Charles R. Fulbruge III
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff-Appellee

V.

ISAAC GARCIA-ALVAREZ

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas USDC No. 3:07-CR-68-ALL

Before PRADO, OWEN, and SOUTHWICK, Circuit Judges. PFR CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent Isaac Garcia-Alvarez (Garcia) has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Garcia has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Garcia's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel; such claims generally "cannot be resolved on direct appeal when [they have] not been raised before the district court since no

^{*} 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.

opportunity existed to develop the record on the merits of the allegations." See United States v. Cantwell, 470 F.3d 1087, 1091 (5th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). Our independent review of the record, counsel's brief, and Garcia's response discloses no nonfrivolous issue for appeal. Accordingly, counsel's 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.