

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

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Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

August 17, 2010

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

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No. 09-41066

Conference Calendar  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

JOSEPH PIERCE,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:07-CR-189-3  
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Before DAVIS, SMITH, and WIENER, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The attorney appointed to represent Joseph Pierce has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Pierce has not filed a response. Our independent review of the record and counsel's brief 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.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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