

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

December 8, 2010

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No. 10-40284

Conference Calendar  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

OSCAR ALFREDO MEJIA-ALVARADO,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 2:09-CR-959-1  
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Before KING, BENAVIDES, and PRADO, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Oscar Alfredo Mejia-Alvarado (Mejia) has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Mejia has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Mejia's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel; such a claim generally "cannot be resolved on direct appeal when the claim has not been raised before the district court since no opportunity existed to develop the record on the merits

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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

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of the allegations.” *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 Mejia’s response discloses no nonfrivolous issue for appeal. 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.