

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

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 12-50673

Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff–Appellee,

v.

JESUS ENRIQUE ROMERO TALAMANTES,

Defendant–Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. 3:11-CR-947-1

Before HIGGINBOTHAM, OWEN, and SOUTHWICK, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent Jesus Enrique Romero Talamantes (Romero) has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and *United States v. Flores*, 632 F.3d 229 (5th Cir. 2011). Romero has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Romero’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

* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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no opportunity existed to develop the record on the merits of the allegations.” *United States v. Cantwell*, 470 F.3d 1087, 1091 (5th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks omitted). We have reviewed counsel’s brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Romero’s response. We concur with counsel’s assessment that the appeal presents no nonfrivolous issue for appellate review. 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. Romero’s motion to proceed pro se, for extension of time, and to strike counsel’s brief is DENIED.