IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 14-40129 Conference Calendar

United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

December 16, 2014

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Lyle W. Cayce Clerk

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

GEORGE ANTHONY KNOTTS,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas USDC No. 4:12-CR-182-5

Before KING, DENNIS, and SOUTHWICK, Circuit Judges. PER CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent George Anthony Knotts 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). Knotts has filed a response. The record is not sufficiently developed to allow us to make a fair evaluation of Knotts's claim of ineffective assistance of counsel; we therefore decline to consider the claim without prejudice to

 $^{^*}$ 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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collateral review. *See United States v. Isgar*, 739 F.3d 829, 841 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 135 S. Ct. 123 (2014).

We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Knotts'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. Counsel's alternative motion for leave to withdraw is DENIED as moot.