

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

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No. 15-20300  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

**FILED**

March 22, 2016

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

JAMES BALDEMORO,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:14-CR-86-1

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Before DAVIS, JONES, and GRAVES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent James Baldemoro 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). Baldemoro has not filed a response.

We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein. While counsel addresses the validity of Baldemoro's appeal

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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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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waiver, counsel does not discuss the district court's compliance with Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. An appeal waiver in the plea agreement does not waive the district court's compliance with Rule 11 or the need to brief this issue adequately in an *Anders* brief. See *United States v. Carreon-Ibarra*, 673 F.3d 358, 362 n.3 (5th Cir. 2012); see also *United States v. Brown*, 328 F.3d 787, 789-90 (5th Cir. 2003). Nevertheless, our independent review confirms that the guilty plea was knowing and voluntary. We thus concur with counsel's assessment that the appeal presents no nonfrivolous issue for appellate review. 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.