

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

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No. 19-30369  
Summary Calendar

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH,

Defendant-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of Louisiana  
USDC No. 2:13-CR-184-3

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Before HIGGINBOTHAM, SOUTHWICK, and WILLETT, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:\*

Christopher Joseph, federal prisoner # 33190-034, moves for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (IFP) in this purported direct appeal of the sentence imposed following his drug conspiracy conviction. The district court has not yet considered the magistrate judge's ruling on Joseph's IFP motion; thus, we lack jurisdiction to consider the magistrate judge's ruling. *See Donaldson v. Ducote*, 373 F.3d 622, 624-25 (5th Cir. 2004).

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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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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Furthermore, we previously dismissed Joseph's direct appeal as frivolous. *See United States v. Joseph*, 631 F. App'x 247, 248 (5th Cir. 2016). His attempt to challenge his sentence in a second direct appeal is without arguable merit and is, therefore, frivolous. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 42.2; *United States v. Arlt*, 567 F.2d 1295, 1296-97 (5th Cir. 1978).

Accordingly, the appeal is DISMISSED in part for lack of jurisdiction and in part as frivolous. The IFP motion is DENIED.