

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

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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No. 11-40110
Conference Calendar

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

FORTUNATO MENDOZA-DE LOS SANTOS,

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Southern District of Texas
USDC No. 2:10-CR-847-1

Before KING, HAYNES, and GRAVES, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent Fortunato Mendoza-De Los Santos (Mendoza) 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). Mendoza has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Mendoza'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

* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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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since 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 and citation omitted). We have reviewed counsel’s brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Mendoza’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, Mendoza’s motion to appoint new counsel is DENIED, and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED. *See* 5TH CIR. R. 42.2.