

United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

No. 25-11104
Summary Calendar

United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff—Appellee,

versus

ALTON FRANK NICHOLS,

Defendant—Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 5:24-CR-76-1

Before KING, HAYNES, and HO, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM:*

The attorney appointed to represent Alton Frank Nichols 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). Nichols has filed a response. The record is not sufficiently developed to allow us to make a fair evaluation of Nichols's claims of

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ineffective assistance of counsel; we therefore decline to consider the claims without prejudice to collateral review. *See United States v. Isgar*, 739 F.3d 829, 841 (5th Cir. 2014).

We have reviewed counsel's brief and the relevant portions of the record reflected therein, as well as Nichols'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.