

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

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Charles R. Fulbruge III
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No. 07-11033
Summary Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Plaintiff-Appellee

v.

RAED SAIF, also known as Mike

Defendant-Appellant

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of Texas
USDC No. 4:07-CR-31-ALL

Before KING, DENNIS, and OWEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:*

The Federal Public Defender appointed to represent Raed Saif has moved for leave to withdraw and has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Saif has filed a response. The record is insufficiently developed to allow consideration at this time of Saif's claims of ineffective assistance of counsel; such claims generally "cannot be resolved on direct appeal when [they have] not been raised before the district court since no

* 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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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.

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). Our independent review of the record, counsel’s brief, and Saif’s response discloses no nonfrivolous issue for appeal. 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. Saif’s motion for the appointment of substitute counsel is DENIED.