IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ERIC LAMONT JOHNSON,

a.k.a. William Ayala,

a.k.a. Hafeez Malik Hakeem,

a.k.a. Johnny Tomas,

a.k.a. Chico Moniker,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama

(August 17, 2011)

Before BARKETT, MARTIN and ANDERSON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Robert Ratliff, appointed counsel for Eric Johnson in this direct criminal appeal, has filed a motion to withdraw on appeal, supported by a brief prepared pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, 18 L.Ed.2d 493 (1967). Our independent review of the entire record reveals that counsel's assessment of the relative merit of the appeal is correct. Because independent examination of the entire record reveals no arguable issues of merit, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and Johnson's conviction and sentence are **AFFIRMED**.