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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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No. 15-12120  
Non-Argument Calendar

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D.C. Docket No. 4:14-cr-00380-AKK-JEO-2

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

ERICSON LAMAR SNOW,

Defendant - Appellant.

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

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(February 12, 2016)

Before MARTIN, JILL PRYOR and ANDERSON, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

P. Russell Steen, appointed counsel for Ericson Snow in this direct criminal appeal, has moved to withdraw from further representation of Snow and prepared a brief pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Our independent review of the 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 Snow's convictions and sentences are **AFFIRMED**.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> We acknowledge that Snow expressed dissatisfaction with counsel's performance leading up to his guilty plea and sentencing and that he might wish to argue that counsel was ineffective in that respect. Such claims, however, generally "are not considered for the first time on direct appeal," but rather are best reserved for postconviction proceedings. *United States v. Tyndale*, 209 F.3d 1292, 1294 (11th Cir. 2000); see *Massaro v. United States*, 538 U.S. 500, 504-05 (2003).