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IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

No. 17-12409
Non-Argument Calendar

D.C. Docket No. 8:15-cr-00182-VMC-JSS-2

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

CEDRICK BROWN,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Middle District of Florida

(January 19, 2018)

Before WILSON, JORDAN and JILL PRYOR, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM:

Thomas John Butler, appointed counsel for Cedrick Brown in this direct criminal appeal, has moved to withdraw from further representation of Mr. Brown

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 Mr. Brown's convictions and total sentence are **AFFIRMED**.¹

¹ We acknowledge that Mr. Brown has expressed dissatisfaction with trial counsel's performance in failing to object to certain sentence enhancements. A claim of ineffective assistance of counsel is best reserved for postconviction proceedings rather than direct review, which we undertake in this appeal. *United States v. Tyndale*, 209 F.3d 1292, 1294 (11th Cir. 2000); *see Massaro v. United States*, 538 U.S. 500, 504-05 (2003).