COURT OF APPEALS
SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH

NO. 02-11-00007-CR

JAMES WAYNE RENO — APPELLANT

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS — STATE

FROM THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY

MEMORANDUM OPINION[1]

After Appellant James Wayne Reno entered a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery and pleaded true to an enhancement paragraph, a jury assessed his punishment at two years' confinement. The trial court sentenced him accordingly.

Reno's court-appointed appellate counsel has filed a motion to withdraw as counsel and a brief in support of that motion. Counsel's brief and motion meet

[1]*See* Tex. R. App. P. 47.4.

the requirements of *Anders v. California* by presenting a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds for relief. 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967). We gave Reno an opportunity to file a pro se brief. Reno responded with a letter stating that he wished this court would "let this case die." The State did not file a brief in this case.

Once an appellant's court-appointed attorney files a motion to withdraw on the ground that the appeal is frivolous and fulfills the requirements of *Anders*, this court is obligated to undertake an independent examination of the record. *See Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 511 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); *Mays v. State*, 904 S.W.2d 920, 922–23 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 1995, no pet.). Only then may we grant counsel's motion to withdraw. *See Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82–83, 109 S. Ct. 346, 351 (1988).

We have carefully reviewed the record and counsel's brief. We agree with counsel that this appeal is wholly frivolous and without merit; we find nothing in the record that might arguably support the appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 827–28 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005); *see also Meza v. State*, 206 S.W.3d 684, 685 n.6 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006).

Accordingly, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court's judgment.

BILL MEIER
JUSTICE

PANEL: WALKER, MCCOY, and MEIER, JJ.

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