

## COURT OF APPEALS SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH

NO. 2-08-426-CR

PARKS WALTER HUNTER, III

**APPELLANT** 

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

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FROM CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 3 OF TARRANT COUNTY

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## MEMORANDUM OPINION<sup>1</sup>

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After waiving a jury and entering an open plea of guilty, appellant Parks Walter Hunter, III appeals his conviction and twelve-year sentence for possession with intent to deliver cocaine. We affirm.

Appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel has filed a motion to withdraw as counsel and a brief in support of that motion. In the brief, counsel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>... See Tex. R. App. P. 47.4.

avers that, in his professional opinion, the appeal is frivolous. Counsel's brief and motion meet the requirements of *Anders v. California*<sup>2</sup> by presenting a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds for relief. We gave appellant the opportunity to file a pro se brief, and he has not filed one. The State has not filed a brief.

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.<sup>3</sup> Only then may we grant counsel's motion to withdraw.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>... 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>... 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.).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>... See Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75, 82–83, 109 S. Ct. 346, 351 (1988).

nothing in the record that might arguably support the appeal. <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court's judgment.

## PER CURIAM

PANEL: CAYCE, C.J.; DAUPHINOT and GARDNER, JJ.

DO NOT PUBLISH Tex. R. App. P. 47.2(b)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>... 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).