

In The Court of Appeals Sixth Appellate District of Texas at Texarkana

No. 06-08-00166-CR

WILLARD STEWART SUGGS, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 124th Judicial District Court Gregg County, Texas Trial Court No. 35203-B

Before Morriss, C.J., Carter and Moseley, JJ. Memorandum Opinion by Chief Justice Morriss

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Willard Stewart Suggs appeals from his conviction on his open plea of guilty to the state-jail felony of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram. *See* Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 481.115(b) (Vernon 2003). He was sentenced to one year's confinement. *See* Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 12.35 (Vernon Supp. 2008). Suggs was represented by different, appointed, counsel at trial and on appeal.

Suggs' attorney has filed a brief which discusses the record and reviews the proceedings. Counsel has thus provided a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why, in effect, there are no arguable grounds to be advanced. This meets the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); and *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978).

Counsel mailed a copy of the brief to Suggs on December 10, 2008, informing Suggs of his right to examine the entire appellate record and to file a pro se response. Counsel simultaneously filed a motion with this Court seeking to withdraw as counsel in this appeal. Suggs has not filed a pro se response, nor has he requested an extension of time in which to file such a response.

We have determined that this appeal is wholly frivolous. We have independently reviewed the clerk's record and the reporter's record, and we agree that no arguable issues support an appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826–27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005).

We affirm the judgment of the trial court.¹

Josh R. Morriss, III Chief Justice

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¹Since we agree this case presents no reversible error, we also, in accordance with *Anders*, grant counsel's request to withdraw from further representation of Suggs in this case. No substitute counsel will be appointed. Should Suggs wish to seek further review of this case by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Suggs must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review or Suggs must file a pro se petition for discretionary review. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed within thirty days from the date of either this opinion or the last timely motion for rehearing that was overruled by this Court. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 68.2. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed with this Court, after which it will be forwarded to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals along with the rest of the filings in this case. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 68.3. Any petition for discretionary review should comply with the requirements of Rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. *See* Tex. R. App. P. 68.4.