

IN THE
ARIZONA COURT OF APPEALS
DIVISION TWO

THE STATE OF ARIZONA,
Appellee,

v.

MAURICE DURSHANE DENNIS JR.,
Appellant.

No. 2 CA-CR 2020-0084
Filed December 10, 2020

THIS DECISION DOES NOT CREATE LEGAL PRECEDENT AND
MAY NOT BE CITED EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY APPLICABLE RULES.
NOT FOR PUBLICATION
See Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. 111(c)(1); Ariz. R. Crim. P. 31.19(e).

Appeal from the Superior Court in Pinal County
No. S1100CR201703528
The Honorable Lawrence M. Wharton, Judge Pro Tempore

AFFIRMED

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MEMORANDUM DECISION

Judge Brearcliffe authored the decision of the Court, in which Presiding Judge Staring and Chief Judge Vásquez concurred.

BREARCLIFFE, Judge:

¶1 After a jury trial in absentia, appellant Maurice Dennis Jr. was convicted of possession of methamphetamine. The trial court sentenced Dennis to an enhanced, presumptive, ten-year prison term. Counsel has filed a brief citing *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and *State v. Clark*, 196 Ariz. 530 (App. 1999), stating he has reviewed the record and “has found no arguable issues on appeal.” Counsel has asked us to search the record for error. Dennis has not filed a supplemental brief.

¶2 Viewed in the light most favorable to sustaining the verdict, see *State v. Delgado*, 232 Ariz. 182, ¶ 2 (App. 2013), the evidence was sufficient to support the jury’s finding of guilt, see A.R.S. § 13-3407(A)(1). The evidence presented at trial showed that when an officer attempted to arrest Dennis, who had three historical prior felony convictions, he ran into a bedroom in an apartment and took off his jacket. Officers found a small bag of methamphetamine and a broken glass pipe in the room, and Dennis admitted to having gone to the room to “get rid” of them. We further conclude the sentence imposed is within the statutory limit. See A.R.S. §§ 13-703(C), (J), 13-3407(B)(1).

¶3 Pursuant to our obligation under *Anders*, we have searched the record for fundamental, reversible error and have found none. Therefore, Dennis’s conviction and sentence are affirmed.