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APPELLANT

V.

APPEAL FROM CAMPBELL CIRCUIT COURT HONORABLE FRED A. STINE V, JUDGE 2005-CR-00119

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

APPELLEE

MEMORANDUM OPINION OF THE COURT

AFFIRMING

This appeal is from a judgment of conviction based on an unconditional guilty plea. Sneed was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Sneed entered a guilty plea to four counts of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second or subsequent offense. He did not plead guilty based on any recommendation of sentence from the Commonwealth. As the trial judge was accepting the plea, Sneed acknowledged he was giving up his Constitutional rights including his right to an appeal. He was sentenced to serve 20 years on each count with the sentences to run concurrently for a total of 20 years. He did not file a post plea motion to withdraw his plea of guilty but instead filed this <u>Anders</u> appeal. At the request of counsel, Sneed has been provided more than 30 days to file any authority with this Court in a <u>pro se</u> manner. Nothing has been filed.

If counsel conscientiously investigates and examines the entire record and determines that an appeal is frivolous, a request for leave to withdraw is appropriate.

Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). We have undertaken our own careful review of this limited record and agree with counsel that there is no issue to address on appeal. The trial judge properly inquired into the knowing and voluntary nature of Sneed's waiver of rights, including his right to appeal, when he entered into the plea of guilty. A waiver that is entered into in a voluntary and knowing manner is valid and will not be disturbed on appeal. Johnson v. Commonwealth, 120 S.W.3d. 704 (Ky. 2003).

We find nothing in the record to indicate there is a meritorious issue to address.

The waiver of rights is valid. Counsel's request to withdraw is granted.

The judgment of conviction and sentence is affirmed.

All concur.

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