



In The

# **Eleventh Court of Appeals**

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**No. 11-13-00058-CR**

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**RICHARD JOSEPH HIRES, Appellant**  
**V.**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 29th District Court**  
**Palo Pinto County, Texas**  
**Trial Court Cause No. 14788**

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## **MEMORANDUM OPINION**

The jury convicted Richard Joseph Hires of arson and sentenced him to confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a term of forty years. The jury assessed a fine of \$10,000. We dismiss the appeal.

Appellant's court-appointed counsel has filed a motion to withdraw in this appeal. The motion is supported by a brief in which counsel professionally and conscientiously examines the record and applicable law and states that he has concluded that the appeal is frivolous. Counsel has provided Appellant with a

copy of the brief and advised Appellant of his right to review the record and file a response to counsel's brief. A response has not been filed.<sup>1</sup> Court-appointed counsel has complied with the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967); *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978); *Currie v. State*, 516 S.W.2d 684 (Tex. Crim. App. 1974); *Gainous v. State*, 436 S.W.2d 137 (Tex. Crim. App. 1969); and *Eaden v. State*, 161 S.W.3d 173 (Tex. App.—Eastland 2005, no pet.). Following the procedures outlined in *Anders* and *Schulman*, we have independently reviewed the record, and we agree that the appeal is without merit and should be dismissed. *Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409.

We note that counsel has the responsibility to advise Appellant that he may file a petition for discretionary review with the clerk of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals seeking review by that court. TEX. R. APP. P. 48.4 (“In criminal cases, the attorney representing the defendant on appeal shall, within five days after the opinion is handed down, send his client a copy of the opinion and judgment, along with notification of the defendant’s right to file a *pro se* petition for discretionary review under Rule 68.”). Likewise, this court advises Appellant that he may file a petition for discretionary review pursuant to TEX. R. APP. P. 68.

The motion to withdraw is granted, and the appeal is dismissed.

August 15, 2013

PER CURIAM

Do not publish. See TEX. R. APP. P. 47.2(b).

Panel consists of: Wright, C.J.,  
McCall, J., and Willson, J.

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<sup>1</sup>By letter, this court originally granted Appellant thirty days in which to exercise his right to file a response to counsel's brief. The court additionally granted two motions for extension filed by Appellant granting him an additional sixty days in which to file his response.