

**Affirmed and Opinion Filed February 8, 2018**



**In The  
Court of Appeals  
Fifth District of Texas at Dallas**

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**No. 05-17-00159-CR**

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**JAMES OTIS JONES, Appellant  
V.  
THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

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**On Appeal from the 380th Judicial District Court  
Collin County, Texas  
Trial Court Cause No. 380-81551-2015**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Before Justices Bridges, Myers, and Schenck  
Opinion by Justice Bridges

James Otis Jones waived a jury and pleaded guilty to murder. During the punishment phase, appellant pleaded not true to two enhancement paragraphs. After finding appellant guilty and the enhancement paragraphs true, the trial court assessed punishment at life imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. On appeal, appellant's attorney filed a brief in which he concludes the appeal is wholly frivolous and without merit. The brief meets the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). The brief presents a professional evaluation of the record showing why, in effect, there are no arguable grounds to advance. *See High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 812 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978) (determining whether brief meets requirements of *Anders*). Counsel delivered a copy of the brief to appellant. We advised appellant of his right to file a pro se response,

but he did not file a pro se response. *See Kelly v. State*, 436 S.W.3d 313, 319–21 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014) (noting appellant has right to file pro se response to *Anders* brief filed by counsel).

We have reviewed the record and counsel’s brief. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826–27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005) (explaining appellate court’s duty in *Anders* cases). We agree the appeal is frivolous and without merit. We find nothing in the record that might arguably support the appeal.

We affirm the trial court’s judgment.

/David L. Bridges/  
DAVID L. BRIDGES  
JUSTICE

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**JUDGMENT**

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Justices Myers and Schenck participating.

Based on the Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is **AFFIRMED**.

Judgment entered February 8, 2018.