

AFFIRMED and Opinion Filed November 10, 2020



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

**No. 05-19-01152-CR
No. 05-19-01153-CR
No. 05-19-01154-CR
No. 05-19-01156-CR
No. 05-19-01157-CR**

**JOHNNY MONARREZ, Appellant
V.
THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee**

**On Appeal from the 292nd Judicial District Court
Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause Nos. F18-42334-V; F18-11034-V;
F18-42333-V; F19-00036-V; & F18-42332-V**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

**Before Justices Whitehill, Pedersen, III, and Reichel
Opinion by Justice Reichel**

Johnny Monarrez entered open pleas of guilty to five robberies committed over the course of two days. The trial court accepted his pleas, found him guilty, and assessed concurrent, twelve-year sentences.

On appeal, appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel filed a brief in which she concluded the appeals are wholly frivolous and without merit. She also filed an accompanying motion to withdraw as appointed counsel. When an appellate court

receives an *Anders* brief asserting no arguable grounds for appeal exist, we must determine that issue independently by conducting our own review of the record. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967) (emphasizing that reviewing court, and not appointed counsel, determines, after full examination of proceeding, whether case is “wholly frivolous”); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 510 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991) (quoting *Anders*). If we conclude, after conducting an independent review, that “appellate counsel has exercised professional diligence in assaying the record for error” and agree the appeal is frivolous, we should grant counsel’s motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court’s judgment. *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 409 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008); *Meza v. State*, 206 S.W.3d 684, 689 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006).

The brief before us meets the requirements of *Anders*. It presents a professional evaluation of the record showing why 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*). In her motion, counsel attests that she sent copies of her motion to withdraw, the brief in support of her motion, notice of filing, and a complete record to appellant by certified mail. This Court advised appellant by letter of his right to file a pro se response and also attached a copy of the brief and motion to withdraw. No response was filed. *See Kelley v. State*, 436 S.W.3d 313, 319–21 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014) (stating appellant has right to file pro se response to *Anders* brief filed by counsel).

We have reviewed the record in each case and counsel's brief. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 827 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005) (explaining appellate courts' duties in *Anders* cases). We agree that the appeals are frivolous and without merit. We find nothing in the record that might arguably support the appeals.

We grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court's judgments.

/Amanda L. Reicherk/

AMANDA L. REICHEK
JUSTICE

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JUDGMENT

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Reichek; Justices Whitehill and
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Based on the Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is
AFFIRMED.

Judgment entered November 10, 2020



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Fifth District of Texas at Dallas**

JUDGMENT

JOHNNY MONARREZ, Appellant

No. 05-19-01153-CR V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 292nd Judicial
District Court, Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. F18-11034-V.
Opinion delivered by Justice
Reichek; Justices Whitehill and
Pedersen, III participating.

Based on the Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is
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JUDGMENT

JOHNNY MONARREZ, Appellant

No. 05-19-01154-CR V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 292nd Judicial
District Court, Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. F18-42333-V.
Opinion delivered by Justice
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Based on the Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is
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JUDGMENT

JOHNNY MONARREZ, Appellant

No. 05-19-01156-CR V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 292nd Judicial
District Court, Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. F19-00036-V.
Opinion delivered by Justice
Reichek; Justices Whitehill and
Pedersen, III participating.

Based on the Court's opinion of this date, the judgment of the trial court is
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JUDGMENT

JOHNNY MONARREZ, Appellant

No. 05-19-01157-CR V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 292nd Judicial
District Court, Dallas County, Texas
Trial Court Cause No. F18-42332-V.
Opinion delivered by Justice
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Pedersen, III participating.

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