



**COURT OF APPEALS  
SECOND DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH**

**NO. 02-17-00269-CR**

TAAJON JABRI RICHARDSON

APPELLANT

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

STATE

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FROM THE 396TH DISTRICT COURT OF TARRANT COUNTY  
TRIAL COURT NO. 1503236R

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION<sup>1</sup>**  
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Taajon Jabri Richardson appeals his conviction and 15-year sentence for murder. We affirm.

Richardson's appointed appellate counsel has moved to withdraw and filed a supporting brief under *Anders v. California*, representing that "[t]he record in this case reveals no grounds that could be argued successfully on appeal." 386

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<sup>1</sup>See Tex. R. App. P. 47.4.

U.S. 738, 744–45, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 1400 (1967). Counsel’s brief and motion satisfy *Anders* by professionally evaluating the record and showing why there are no arguable grounds for relief. See *id.*; *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 406–12 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (orig. proceeding). Richardson filed a pro se response to his counsel’s brief, and the State filed a letter brief agreeing with that counsel’s appellate assessment.

Once an appellant’s court-appointed attorney moves to withdraw on the ground that an appeal is frivolous and fulfills the requirements of *Anders*, we must independently examine the record. See *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 511 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991). Only then may we allow counsel to withdraw. See *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82–83, 109 S. Ct. 346, 351 (1988).

We have carefully reviewed the record, counsel’s brief, appellant’s pro se response, and the State’s letter brief. We agree with counsel that this appeal is frivolous and without merit; we find nothing in the record that might arguably support the appeal. See *Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 827–28 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005); see also *Meza v. State*, 206 S.W.3d 684, 685 n.6 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006); *Wilson v. State*, No. 02-17-00194-CR, 2018 WL 3580883, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth July 26, 2018, no pet. h.) (mem. op., not designated for publication); *Davis v. State*, No. 02-17-00109-CR, 2018 WL 1751627, at \*1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Apr. 12, 2018, no pet.) (mem. op., not designated for publication). Accordingly, we grant counsel’s motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court’s judgment.

/s/ Elizabeth Kerr  
ELIZABETH KERR  
JUSTICE

PANEL: KERR, PITTMAN, and BIRDWELL, JJ.

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Tex. R. App. P. 47.2(b)

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