

In The Court of Appeals Sixth Appellate District of Texas at Texarkana

No. 06-09-00026-CR

GARY WAYNE LAWRENCE, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 294th Judicial District Court Van Zandt County, Texas Trial Court No. CR05-00359

Before Morriss, C.J., Carter and Moseley, JJ. Memorandum Opinion by Justice Carter

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Gary Wayne Lawrence appeals from the adjudication of his guilt, on his pleas of "true" to the State's allegations contained in its motion to adjudicate, of the offense of burglary of a habitation.¹ *See* TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 30.02(c)(2) (Vernon 2003). Lawrence was sentenced by the trial court to twenty years' imprisonment and a fine of \$2,500.00.² *See* TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 12.33 (Vernon 2003). Lawrence was represented by different, appointed counsel at trial and on appeal.

Lawrence's attorney has filed a brief which discusses the record and reviews the proceedings. Counsel has thus provided a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why, in effect, there are no arguable grounds to be advanced. This meets the requirements of *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); and *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978).

Counsel mailed a copy of the brief to Lawrence on April 22, 2009, informing Lawrence of his right to examine the entire appellate record and to file a pro se response. Counsel simultaneously

¹Originally appealed to the Twelfth Court of Appeals, this case was transferred to this Court by the Texas Supreme Court pursuant to its docket equalization efforts. *See* TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 73.001 (Vernon 2005). We are unaware of any conflict between precedent of the Twelfth Court of Appeals and that of this Court on any relevant issue. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 41.3.

²Lawrence also appeals, in companion cause number 06-09-00027-CR, also decided this date, from the revocation of his community supervision for criminal mischief. In that case, his community supervision was revoked, and he was sentenced to twelve months' confinement in a state jail facility and a fine of \$500.00. The sentences are to run concurrently.

filed a motion with this Court seeking to withdraw as counsel in this appeal. Lawrence has neither filed a pro se response, nor has he requested an extension of time in which to file such a response.

We have determined that this appeal is wholly frivolous. We have independently reviewed the clerk's record and the reporter's record, and we agree that no arguable issues support an appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826–27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005). In a frivolous appeal situation, we are to determine whether the appeal is without merit and is frivolous, and if so, the appeal must be dismissed or affirmed. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. 738.

We affirm the judgment of the trial court.³

Jack Carter Justice

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³Since we agree this case presents no reversible error, we also, in accordance with *Anders*, grant counsel's request to withdraw from further representation of Lawrence in this case. No substitute counsel will be appointed. Should Lawrence wish to seek further review of this case by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Lawrence must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review, or Lawrence must file a pro se petition for discretionary review. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed within thirty days from the date of either this opinion or the last timely motion for rehearing that was overruled by this Court. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 68.2. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed with the rest of the filings in this case. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 68.3. Any petition for discretionary review should comply with the requirements of Rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 68.4.