

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

No. 06-15-00053-CV

IN THE INTEREST OF B.T. AND C.T., CHILDREN

On Appeal from the County Court at Law Bowie County, Texas Trial Court No. 13C1150-CCL

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

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Jana's parental rights to B.T. and C.T.¹ were terminated. Jana is represented on appeal by court-appointed counsel who has filed a brief in accordance with the requirements of *Anders v*. *California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Court-appointed counsel has concluded that after a thorough review of the record, this appeal is frivolous and without merit. Because we agree, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

The *Anders* brief filed by Jana's counsel presents a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to be raised on appeal. Counsel has established that he provided Jana with a copy of his brief, notified her of her right to file a pro se response, and provided her with a complete copy of the entire appellate record. Jana has not exercised her right to file a pro se response. Court-appointed counsel's brief meets the requirements of *Anders* by providing a professional evaluation of the record and by advancing any contentions of possible error that might arguably support the appeal. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744; *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978). Counsel also filed a motion with this Court seeking to withdraw as counsel in this appeal.

Having thoroughly reviewed the record and counsel's brief, we agree with counsel's assessment that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. We find nothing in the record that could arguably support the appeal.

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¹We refer to the children by their initials and to the biological mother by a fictitious name to protect the privacy of the children. *See* TEX. FAM. CODE ANN. § 109.002(d) (West 2014).

We affirm the trial court's order terminating Jana's parental rights to B.T. and C.T. and grant counsel's motion to withdraw.

Ralph K. Burgess

Justice

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