

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

No. 06-15-00158-CR

FOSTER DALEON JONES, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 6th District Court Red River County, Texas Trial Court No. CR02262

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

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Foster Daleon Jones entered an open plea of nolo contendre to, and was found guilty of, aggravated sexual assault of a thirteen-year-old child. Following a punishment hearing in which the child victim testified against Jones, the trial court sentenced Jones to twenty five years' imprisonment. Jones appeals.

Jones' appellate counsel filed a brief that outlined the procedural history of the case, provided a detailed summary of the evidence elicited during the course of the trial court proceedings, and stated that counsel found no meritorious issues to raise on appeal. Meeting the requirements of *Anders v. California*, counsel has provided a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to be advanced. *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 743–44 (1967); *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 406 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (orig. proceeding); *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 509–10 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991); *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 812–13 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978). Counsel also filed a motion with this Court seeking to withdraw as counsel in this appeal.

In response to counsel's *Anders* brief, Jones has filed a pro se response in which he argues (1) that he did not have a fair court, (2) that his counsel was unhelpful, and (3) that he is actually innocent.

We have determined that this appeal is wholly frivolous. We have independently reviewed the entire record, as well as Jones' pro se brief, and have determined that no arguable issues support an appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826–27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005). In the *Anders*

context, once we determine that the appeal is without merit and is frivolous, we must either dismiss the appeal or affirm the trial court's judgment. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. 738.

We affirm the judgment of the trial court.¹

Josh R. Morriss, III Chief Justice

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¹Since we agree this case presents no reversible error, we also, in accordance with *Anders*, grant counsel's request to withdraw from further representation of appellant in this case. *Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744. No substitute counsel will be appointed. Should appellant desire to seek further review of this case by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, he must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review or file a pro se petition for discretionary review. Any petition for discretionary review (1) must be filed within thirty days from either the date of this opinion or the date on which the last timely motion for rehearing was overruled by this Court, *see* Tex. R. App. P. 68.2, (2) must be filed with the clerk of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, *see* Tex. R. App. P. 68.3, and (3) should comply with the requirements of Rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, *see* Tex. R. App. P. 68.4.