

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

No. 06-19-00096-CR

JAMES KEVIN HOLMES, Appellant

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, Appellee

On Appeal from the 71st District Court Harrison County, Texas Trial Court No. 18-0193X

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

## MEMORANDUM OPINION

February 25, 2019, James Kevin Holmes pled guilty to driving while intoxicated, third offense<sup>1</sup> and was sentenced to eight years' confinement. No plea agreement was in place. Holmes testified in his defense and presented one other witness.

Holmes's attorney has filed a brief which states that he has reviewed the record and has found no genuinely arguable issues that could be raised on appeal. The brief sets out the procedural history of the case and summarizes the evidence elicited during the course of the trial court proceedings. 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.

On November 12, 2019, Holmes received, at his appointed attorney's office, copies of the reporter's and clerk's records. On December 12, 2019, counsel mailed to Holmes a copy of the brief and the motion to withdraw. On February 10, 2020, this Court received Holmes's pro se response brief. On February 26, 2020, this Court informed Holmes that the case would be set for submission on the briefs on March 18, 2020.

We have determined that this appeal is wholly frivolous. We have independently reviewed the entire appellate record and, like counsel, have determined that no arguable issue supports an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. § 49.09 (Supp.).

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, we must affirm the trial court's judgment. *Id*.

We affirm the judgment of the trial court.<sup>2</sup>

Ralph K. Burgess Justice

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<sup>2</sup>Since we agree that 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. *See 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.