

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

NO. 03-08-00410-CV

Joseph Bridgewater, Appellant

v.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Appellee

**FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, 250TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NO. D-1-FM-07-000483, HONORABLE ORLINDA NARANJO, JUDGE PRESIDING**

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Joseph Bridgewater brings this accelerated appeal from the district court's final decree terminating his parental rights to his minor child, R.X. Appellant's court-appointed counsel has filed a motion to withdraw and an *Anders* brief, concluding that appellant's appeal is frivolous and without merit. Counsel's brief meets the requirements of *Anders* by presenting a professional evaluation of the record and demonstrating that there are no arguable grounds for appeal. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967); *see also Taylor v. Texas Dep't of Protective & Regulatory Servs.*, 160 S.W.3d 641, 646-47 (Tex. App.—Austin 2005, pet. denied) (applying *Anders* procedure in parental-rights termination appeal).

Appellant was provided with copies of his counsel's brief and motion to withdraw and advised of his right to examine the record and to file a pro se brief. After more than thirty days, appellant has not filed a pro se brief or communicated with this Court in any way. Because our

review of the record reveals nothing that would arguably support an appeal, we agree that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 741-44; *Taylor*, 160 S.W.3d at 646-47.

We affirm the district court's decree of termination and grant counsel's motion to withdraw.

J. Woodfin Jones, Chief Justice

Before Chief Justice Jones, Justices Puryear and Pemberton

Affirmed

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