

**TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN**

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**NO. 03-17-00403-CV**

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**M. M., Appellant**

**v.**

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Appellee**

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**FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF BELL COUNTY, 146TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
NO. 282,889-B, HONORABLE JACK WELDON JONES, JUDGE PRESIDING**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

After a non-jury trial, the district court terminated appellant M.M.'s parental rights to her three minor children, D.S., K.V., and A.M. The court found that appellant committed acts and omissions justifying termination of her parental rights. *See* Tex. Fam. Code § 161.001(b)(1)(E), (N), (O). The court also found that termination of her parental rights was in the children's best interest. *Id.* § 161.001(2).

Appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel has filed a brief discussing the record, the elements of the cause of action, and the standard of review and concluding that appellant has no arguable grounds for appeal and that her appeal is wholly frivolous. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967); *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 811 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978); *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 appeal from termination of

parental rights). Appellant's counsel has certified to this Court that he provided appellant with a copy of the brief, along with a notice advising appellant of her right to examine the appellate record and to file a pro se brief. No pro se brief has been filed.

Having thoroughly reviewed the record and counsel's brief, we agree with counsel's assessment that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. We affirm the district court's de novo decree of termination.

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Jeff Rose, Chief Justice

Before Chief Justice Rose, Justices Pemberton and Goodwin

Affirmed

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