

NUMBER 13-09-00531-CR

COURT OF APPEALS

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

CORPUS CHRISTI - EDINBURG

MICHAEL LEE DELGADO,

Appellant,

v.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

Appellee.

On appeal from the 377th District Court of Victoria County, Texas.

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Before Chief Justice Valdez and Justices Yañez and Garza Memorandum Opinion by Chief Justice Valdez

On March 18, 2005, a jury convicted appellant, Michael Lee Delgado, of the offense

of indecency with a child, a second-degree felony. See TEX. PENAL CODE ANN. §

21.11(a)(1), (d) (Vernon Supp. 2009). The jury assessed punishment at ten years'

imprisonment in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, with

the sentence suspended and community supervision imposed, plus a \$10,000 fine. On June 19, 2009, the State filed a motion to revoke, alleging various violations of the terms of Delgado's community supervision. Delgado pleaded "true" to failing to: (1) pay supervision fees; (2) pay fines; and (3) report on several occasions. Following a hearing, the trial court accepted Delgado's pleas of "true" and found those violations to be true. The trial court also found that Delgado committed additional violations listed in the State's motion to revoke by: (1) leaving the county of approved residence without first obtaining written permission; (2) failing to complete 600 hours of community service restitution; and (3) failing to attend a sex offender treatment program. The trial court sentenced Delgado to ten years' imprisonment and assessed a \$10,000 fine. Delgado appeals the revocation of his community supervision. We affirm.

I. ANDERS BRIEF

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967), Delgado's court-appointed appellate counsel has filed a brief with this Court, stating that his review of the record yielded no grounds or error upon which an appeal can be predicated. Though counsel presents "issues" in his brief, he concludes that these "issues" lack merit and that any appeal in this case would be frivolous. *See id.* Counsel's brief meets the requirements of *Anders* as it presents a professional evaluation demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to advance on appeal. *See In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 407 n.9 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) ("In Texas, an Anders brief need not specifically advance 'arguable' points of error if counsel finds none, but it must provide record references to the facts and procedural history and set out pertinent legal authorities.") (citing *Hawkins v. State*, 112 S.W.3d 340, 343-44 (Tex. App.–Corpus Christi 2003, no pet.)); *Stafford v.*

State, 813 S.W.2d 503, 510 n.3 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991).

In compliance with *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 813 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978), Delgado's counsel has carefully discussed why, under controlling authority, there are no errors in the trial court's judgment. Counsel has informed this Court that he has: (1) examined the record and found no arguable grounds to advance on appeal, (2) served a copy of the brief and counsel's motion to withdraw on Delgado, and (3) informed Delgado of his right to review the record and to file a pro se response.¹ *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744; *Stafford*, 813 S.W.2d at 510 n.3; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409 n.23. More than an adequate period of time has passed, and Delgado has not filed a pro se response. *See In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 409.

II. INDEPENDENT REVIEW

Upon receiving an *Anders* brief, we must conduct a full examination of all the proceedings to determine whether the case is wholly frivolous. *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988). We have reviewed the entire record and counsel's brief and have found nothing that would arguably support an appeal. *See Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826-28 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005) ("Due to the nature of *Anders* briefs, by indicating in the opinion that it considered the issues raised in the briefs and reviewed the record for reversible error but found none, the court of appeals met the requirement of Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 47.1."); *Stafford*, 813 S.W.2d at 509. Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the trial court.

¹ The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has held that "the pro se response need not comply with the rules of appellate procedure in order to be considered. Rather, the response should identify for the court those issues which the indigent appellant believes the court should consider in deciding whether the case presents any meritorious issues." *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 409 n.23 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (quoting *Wilson v. State*, 955 S.W.2d 693, 696-97 (Tex. App.–Waco 1997, no pet.)).

III. MOTION TO WITHDRAW

In accordance with *Anders*, Delgado's attorney has asked this Court for permission to withdraw as counsel for appellant. *See Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 408 n.17 (citing *Jeffery v. State*, 903 S.W.2d 776, 779-80 (Tex. App.–Dallas 1995, no pet.) (noting that "[i]f an attorney believes the appeal is frivolous, he must withdraw from representing the appellant. To withdraw from representation, the appointed attorney must file a motion to withdraw accompanied by a brief showing the appellate court that the appeal is frivolous") (citations omitted)). We grant counsel's motion to withdraw. Within five days of the date of this Court's opinion, counsel is ordered to send a copy of the opinion and judgment to Delgado and to advise him of his right to file a petition for discretionary review.² *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 48.4; *see also In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d at 412 n.35; *Ex parte Owens*, 206 S.W.3d 670, 673 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006).

> ROGELIO VALDEZ Chief Justice

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² No substitute counsel will be appointed. Should Delgado wish 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 must be filed within thirty days from the date of either this opinion or the last timely motion for rehearing that was overruled by this Court. See TEX. R. APP. P. 68.2. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed with this Court, after which it will be forwarded to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. See TEX. R. APP. P. 68.3, 68.7. Any petition for discretionary review should comply with the requirements of rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. See TEX. R. APP. P. 68.4.