NO. 12-18-00132-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

TYLER, TEXAS

JOHN DAVID GROVER,

APPELLANT

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

APPELLEE

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SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM OPINION PER CURIAM

John David Grover appeals his conviction for aggravated assault. Appellant's counsel filed a brief in compliance with *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967), and *Gainous v. State*, 436 S.W.2d 137 (Tex. Crim. App. 1969). We affirm.

BACKGROUND

Appellant was indicted for aggravated assault by causing a serious bodily injury to the victim. The indictment also alleged that Appellant used or exhibited a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense. Appellant entered an open plea of "guilty." After accepting the plea and conducting a punishment hearing, the trial court sentenced Appellant to twelve years of imprisonment and assessed restitution in the total amount of \$6,258.80 to the victim and the hospital that treated the victim. This appeal followed.

ANALYSIS PURSUANT TO ANDERS V. CALIFORNIA

Appellant's appellate counsel filed a brief in compliance with *Anders v. California* and *Gainous v. State*. Appellant's counsel relates that he reviewed the record and found no reversible

¹ See Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 22.02(a) (West 2011).

error or jurisdictional defect. In compliance with *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978), counsel's brief contains a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to be advanced.²

We considered counsel's brief and conducted our own independent review of the record. *Id.* at 811. We found no reversible error.

CONCLUSION

As required by Anders and Stafford v. State, 813 S.W.2d 503 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991), Appellant's counsel moved for leave to withdraw. See also In re Schulman, 252 S.W.3d 403, 407 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (orig. proceeding). We carried the motion for consideration with the merits. Having done so, we agree with counsel that the appeal is wholly frivolous. Accordingly, we grant Appellant's counsel's motion for leave to withdraw and affirm the trial court's judgment. Appellant's counsel has a duty to, within five days of the date of this opinion, send a copy of the opinion and judgment to Appellant and advise him of his right to file a petition for discretionary review. See TEX. R. APP. P. 48.4; In re Schulman, 252 S.W.3d at 411 n.35. Should Appellant wish to seek review of this case by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, he must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review on his behalf or he must file a pro se petition for discretionary review. Any petition for discretionary review must be filed within thirty days from the date of this court's judgment or the date the last timely motion for rehearing was overruled by this court. See TEX. R. APP. P. 68.2(a). Any petition for discretionary review must be filed with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. See TEX. R. APP. P. 68.3(a). Any petition for discretionary review should comply with the requirements of Rule 68.4 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure. See In re Schulman, 252 S.W.3d at 408 n.22.

Opinion delivered March 29, 2019. Panel consisted of Worthen, C.J., Hoyle, J., and Neeley, J.

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² In compliance with *Kelly v. State*, Appellant's counsel provided Appellant with a copy of the brief, notified Appellant of his motion to withdraw as counsel, informed Appellant of his right to file a pro se response, and took concrete measures to facilitate Appellant's review of the appellate record. 436 S.W.3d 313, 319 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014). Appellant was given time to file his own brief. The time for filing such a brief has expired and no pro se brief has been filed.



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JUDGMENT

MARCH 29, 2019

NO. 12-18-00132-CR

JOHN DAVID GROVER,
Appellant
V.
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
Appellee

Appeal from the 7th District Court of Smith County, Texas (Tr.Ct.No. 007-1586-17)

THIS CAUSE came to be heard on the appellate record and brief filed herein, and the same being considered, it is the opinion of this court that there was no error in the judgment.

It is therefore ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the judgment of the court below **be in all things affirmed**, and that this decision be certified to the court below for observance.

By per curiam opinion.

Panel consisted of Worthen, C.J., Hoyle, J. and Neeley, J.