NO. 12-19-00012-CR

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

TYLER, TEXAS

TERRY ELIZABETH FERGUSON,
APPELLANT

V.
\$ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
APPELLEE \$ SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

MEMORANDUM OPINION PER CURIAM

Terry Elizabeth Ferguson appeals her conviction for felony driving while intoxicated. 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 the third-degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated with two prior convictions. Appellant made an open plea of "guilty" to the charged offense without a plea agreement as to punishment. Appellant also signed a written stipulation of evidence establishing all the elements of the offense, a waiver of her rights to a jury trial and confrontation, and an acknowledgement of admonishments. The trial court accepted Appellant's plea and withheld a finding of guilt until it concluded the punishment hearing. After the punishment hearing, the trial court found Appellant guilty of the offense and sentenced her to four years of imprisonment. This appeal followed.

ANALYSIS PURSUANT TO ANDERS V. CALIFORNIA

Appellant's counsel filed a brief in compliance with *Anders v. California* and *Gainous v. State*. Appellant's counsel relates that he has diligently reviewed and evaluated the appellate record and found no error for our review. In compliance with *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 812 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978), counsel's brief contains a thorough professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why there are no arguable grounds to be advanced.¹

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

CONCLUSION

As required by *Anders* and *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 511 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991), Appellant's counsel has 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 Appellant's counsel that the appeal is wholly frivolous. Accordingly, we *grant* counsel's motion for leave to withdraw. We *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 her of her 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 these cases by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, she must either retain an attorney to file a petition for discretionary review on her behalf or she must 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 date that 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.

¹ 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 her 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 her own brief. The time for filing such a brief has expired and no pro se brief has been filed.

Opinion delivered October 17, 2019.

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

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JUDGMENT

OCTOBER 16, 2019

NO. 12-19-00012-CR

TERRY ELIZABETH FERGUSON,

Appellant V. **THE STATE OF TEXAS,**Appellee

Appeal from the 7th District Court of Smith County, Texas (Tr.Ct.No. 007-0921-18)

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.