

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-170038
	:	TRIAL NO. B-1603148
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
JEROME ROE,	:	
	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

We consider this appeal on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court. *See* Rep.Op.R. 3.1; App.R. 11.1(E); 1st Dist. Loc.R. 11.1.1.

Defendant-appellant's appointed counsel has advised this court that, after a thorough review of the record, she can find nothing that would arguably support appellant's appeal, and that the appeal is wholly frivolous. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, 18 L.Ed.2d 493 (1967); *see also Freels v. Hills*, 843 F.2d 958 (6th Cir.1988). Counsel has taken extraordinary measures to attempt to communicate this conclusion to appellant, but has been unsuccessful. Counsel has also moved this court for permission to withdraw as counsel. *See Anders* at 744; *see also* 1st Dist. Loc.R. 16.2(C)(1) and 16.2(D)(2).

Counsel now requests that this court independently examine the record to determine whether the appeal is wholly frivolous. *See Anders* at 744. We have done so, and we agree with counsel's conclusion that the proceedings below were free of error

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prejudicial to appellant and that no grounds exist to support a meritorious appeal. Therefore, we overrule counsel's motion to withdraw from her representation of appellant, and affirm the judgment of the trial court.

We hold that this appeal is frivolous under App.R. 23 and without "reasonable cause" under R.C. 2505.35. But we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against appellant because he is indigent.

Further, a certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27.

MOCK, P.J., CUNNINGHAM and MYERS, JJ.

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on February 9, 2018
per order of the court _____.
Presiding Judge