

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

Chandler Keith Rodgers v. The State of Texas

No. 03-25-00443-CR (Tex. App.—Austin May 5, 2026) (mem. op.) · No. 03-25-00443-CR · Decided May 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, reviewed an Anders appeal from Chandler Keith Rodgers’s conviction for possessing more than 400 grams of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. The court granted appointed counsel’s motion to withdraw, concluded that the appeal was frivolous and without merit, and affirmed the judgment of conviction imposing a seventy-year prison sentence.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Texas Court of Appeals, Third District, at Austin
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Karin Crump, Justice; Chief Justice Byrne; Justice Theofanis; Justice Crump
JURISDICTION	Texas Court of Appeals, Third District at Austin
DECIDED	May 5, 2026
DOCKET	03-25-00443-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Rodgers pleaded guilty to possession with intent to deliver more than 400 grams of methamphetamine, requested jury assessment of punishment, and received a seventy-year prison sentence. On appeal, appointed counsel filed an Anders motion to withdraw and brief asserting that the appeal was frivolous; Rodgers also filed a pro se brief.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Independent review of the record in an Anders appeal to determine whether any arguable ground exists for appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum opinion; marked Do Not Publish.
PARTIES	Chandler Keith Rodgers v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- criminal procedure
- appellate procedure
- right to counsel

PRACTICE AREAS

criminal law

criminal appellate procedure

Anders appeals

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether appointed appellate counsel satisfied the requirements of *Anders v. California* by professionally evaluating the record and demonstrating that no arguable grounds supported the appeal.
2. Whether the appellate record, including Rodgers's pro se brief, contained any nonfrivolous or arguable basis for reversal of the conviction.

HOLDINGS

1. Appointed appellate counsel satisfied *Anders* because counsel provided a professional evaluation of the record, demonstrated that there were no arguable grounds for appeal, and informed Rodgers of his rights regarding the record, a pro se brief, and discretionary review.
2. After independently reviewing the record and considering both counsel's *Anders* brief and Rodgers's pro se brief, the court found no issue that might arguably support the appeal and held that the appeal was frivolous and without merit.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“assisting the court in determining both that counsel in fact conducted the required detailed review of the case and that the appeal is . . . frivolous” (2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Rodgers was charged with possessing with intent to deliver more than 400 grams of methamphetamine. He pleaded guilty and elected to have a jury assess punishment. The jury sentenced him to seventy years' imprisonment, and the trial court entered judgment consistent with the verdict.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The 424th District Court of Burnet County rendered judgment of conviction after the jury assessed punishment at seventy years' imprisonment. Rodgers appealed. His appointed appellate counsel filed an *Anders* brief and motion to withdraw, Rodgers filed a pro se brief, and the court of appeals independently reviewed the record before affirming the conviction and granting counsel's motion to withdraw.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744-45 (1967)
- *Garner v. State*, 300 S.W.3d 763, 766 (Tex. Crim. App. 2009)
- *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 81-82 (1988)

- Kelly v. State, 436 S.W.3d 313, 319-20 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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FROM THE 424TH DISTRICT COURT OF BURNET COUNTY

NO. 57837, THE HONORABLE EVAN C. STUBBS, JUDGE PRESIDING

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Chandler Keith Rodgers was charged with the felony offense of possessing with intent to deliver more than 400 grams of methamphetamine. See Tex. Health & Safety Code § 481.112(f). He pleaded guilty to the charged offense and requested that a jury assess his punishment. See Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 37.07, § 2. Following the punishment hearing, the jury sentenced him to seventy years' imprisonment, and the trial court rendered its judgment of conviction consistent with the jury's verdict. See Tex. Health & Safety Code § 481.112(f). He appealed the trial court's judgment of conviction. Rodgers's court-appointed attorney on appeal filed a motion to withdraw supported by an Anders brief contending that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. See *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744-45 (1967). Rodgers's court-appointed attorney's brief meets the requirements of Anders by presenting a professional evaluation of the record and demonstrating that there are no arguable grounds to be advanced. See *id.*; *Garner v. State*, 300 S.W.3d 763, 766 (Tex. Crim. App. 2009); see also *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 81-82

(1988) (explaining that Anders briefs serve purpose of "assisting the court in determining both that counsel in fact conducted the required detailed review of the case and that the appeal is . . . frivolous"). Rodgers's counsel represented to the Court that he provided copies of the motion and brief to Rodgers; advised Rodgers of his right to examine the appellate record, file a pro se brief, and pursue discretionary review following the resolution of the appeal in this Court; and provided Rodgers with a form motion for pro se access to the appellate record along with the mailing address of this Court. See *Kelly v. State*, 436 S.W.3d 313, 319-20 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014). Rodgers filed a pro se brief after his counsel filed the Anders brief. We have independently reviewed the record and considered Rodgers's appellate brief filed by counsel and his pro se brief, and we have found nothing that might arguably support the appeal. See *Anders*, 386 U.S. at 744; *Garner*, 300 S.W.3d at 766. We agree with counsel that the appeal is frivolous and without merit. Accordingly, we grant counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the trial court's judgment of conviction.

Karin Crump, Justice Before Chief Justice
Byrne, Justices Theofanis and Crump Affirmed Filed: May 5, 2026 Do Not Publish 2

