

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Bradley Hunter Golden v. The State of Texas

No. 10-25-00391-CR · No. 10-25-00391-CR · Decided May 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The Tenth Court of Appeals of Texas reviewed Bradley Hunter Golden's Anders appeal from his enhanced conviction for burglary of a vehicle and 15-year sentence. The court found the appeal wholly frivolous, affirmed the trial court's judgment, and granted appointed counsel's motion to withdraw.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals for the Tenth Appellate District of Texas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Lee Harris; Chief Justice Johnson; Justice Smith; Justice Harris
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals for the Tenth Appellate District of Texas
DECIDED	May 7, 2026
DOCKET	10-25-00391-CR
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Direct appeal from a conviction for enhanced burglary of a vehicle and a fifteen-year prison sentence. Appointed appellate counsel filed a motion to withdraw accompanied by an Anders brief asserting that the appeal was frivolous.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	In an Anders appeal, the appellate court must conduct a full examination of the proceedings and determine whether the case is wholly frivolous, meaning that it lacks any basis in law or fact.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Bradley Hunter Golden v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- right to counsel
- standard of review

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether appointed appellate counsel satisfied the duties required under *Anders v. California* by filing a professionally evaluated *Anders* brief and motion to withdraw.
2. Whether the appeal was wholly frivolous after the Court of Appeals independently reviewed the entire appellate record.
3. Whether counsel's motion to withdraw should be granted.

HOLDINGS

1. Appointed counsel performed the duties required of appointed counsel by diligently reviewing the appellate record and filing an *Anders* brief supporting the motion to withdraw.
2. After reviewing the entire record, the court determined that the appeal was wholly frivolous and without merit.
3. Counsel's motion to withdraw from representation of Golden was granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"In reviewing an Anders appeal, we must, "after a full examination of all the proceedings, ... decide whether the case is wholly frivolous.""

"An appeal is "wholly frivolous" or "without merit" when it "lacks any basis in law or fact.""

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Golden was convicted of burglary of a vehicle with an enhancement and sentenced to fifteen years in prison. His appointed appellate counsel reviewed the record, concluded that the appeal was frivolous, and filed an *Anders* brief and motion to withdraw. The appellate court reviewed the entire record and found no arguable basis for relief.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The 19th District Court of McLennan County convicted Golden of burglary of a vehicle, with enhancement, and sentenced him to fifteen years in prison. On direct appeal, appointed counsel moved to withdraw and filed an *Anders* brief. The Court of Appeals independently reviewed the entire record, determined that the appeal was wholly frivolous, affirmed the judgment, and granted counsel's motion to withdraw.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967)
- *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 812 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978)
- *Kelly v. State*, 436 S.W.3d 313, 319-320 (Tex. Crim. App. 2014)
- *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 407 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008)

- Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988)
- Stafford v. State, 813 S.W.2d 503, 509-11 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991)
- McCoy v. Court of Appeals, 486 U.S. 429, 439 n. 10 (1988)
- Bledsoe v. State, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826-27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005)

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