

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL OF FLORIDA

Jessica Grace Allen v. State of Florida

Allen · No. 5D2024-2471; 5D2024-2472 · Decided September 26, 2025

SUMMARY

The Fifth District Court of Appeal of Florida affirmed the judgment and sentence imposed after Jessica Grace Allen entered an open guilty plea. The court remanded in one case for entry of a written order identifying the probation condition the trial court found Allen had violated.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Fifth District Court of Appeal of Florida
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Wallis, J.; Lambert, J.; Maciver, J.
JURISDICTION	Fifth District Court of Appeal of Florida
DECIDED	September 26, 2025
DOCKET	5D2024-2471; 5D2024-2472
DISPOSITION	reversed_and_remanded
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Anders appeal from a judgment and sentence entered after Appellant's open guilty plea; the appeal also challenged the trial court's probation-violation adjudication order.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Anders review of the record for any arguably meritorious issue.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Jessica Grace Allen v. State of Florida

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- probation
- right to counsel

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal procedure
- appellate procedure
- probation
- guilty pleas

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the judgment and sentence imposed following Appellant's open guilty plea should be affirmed under Anders review.

2. Whether the probation-violation adjudication order was legally sufficient when it failed to identify the condition of probation that the trial court found Appellant had violated.

HOLDINGS

1. The judgment and sentence imposed following Appellant's open guilty plea are affirmed.
2. The trial court must enter a written order in Case No. 2024-000325-CFMA identifying the condition of probation that Appellant was found to have violated.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“However, we remand with directions to the trial court to enter a written order in Case No. 2024-000325-CFMA identifying which condition of probation the court found Appellant to have violated.”

“AFFIRMED, REMANDED with directions.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Appellant entered an open guilty plea to the charged offense. The trial court imposed judgment and sentence and, in one case, found that Appellant violated probation. The trial court's written order did not identify which probation condition Appellant had violated.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Circuit Court for St. Johns County entered judgment and sentence following Appellant's open guilty plea. In Case No. 2024-000325-CFMA, the trial court found that Appellant violated probation but did not enter a written order identifying the violated condition. On Anders review, the Fifth District affirmed the judgment and sentence and remanded for entry of a proper written order.

DISPOSITION

reversed_and_remanded

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

Remand to the trial court to enter a written order in Case No. 2024-000325-CFMA identifying which condition of probation the court found Appellant to have violated.

CASES CITED

- Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967)
- Patt v. State, 876 So. 2d 1278 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

_____ Case Nos. 5D2024-2471 5D2024-2472 L.T. Case Nos. 2024-
000646-CFMA
2024-000325-CFMA

JESSICA GRACE ALLEN,
Appellant, v.
STATE OF FLORIDA,

Appellee. _____ On appeal from the Circuit Court for St. Johns
County. R. Lee Smith, Judge. Matthew Metz, Public Defender, and Darnelle P. Lawshe, Assistant
Public Defender, Daytona Beach, for Appellant. James Uthmeier, Attorney General, Tallahassee,
and Daniel P. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General, Daytona Beach, for Appellee. September 26,
2025 PER CURIAM. In this appeal proceeding under *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967),
we affirm the judgment and sentence imposed by the trial court following Appellant's open, guilty
plea to the charged offense. However, we remand with directions to the trial court to enter a
written order in Case No. 2024-000325-CFMA identifying which condition of probation the court
found Appellant to have violated. See *Patt v. State*, 876 So. 2d 1278 (Fla. 5th DCA 2004)
(affirming revocation of Patt's community control and remanding for entry of a proper
adjudication order with the conditions which the trial court found to have been violated).
AFFIRMED, REMANDED with directions. WALLIS, LAMBERT, and MACIVER, JJ., concur.

_____ Not final until disposition of any timely and authorized
motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or 9.331. _____ 2