

SUPREME COURT OF WYOMING

Manuel Armenta Serrano v. The State of Wyoming

2026 WY 10 · No. S-25-0257 · Decided January 22, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Wyoming affirmed the district court’s judgment and sentence after Manuel Armenta Serrano entered an Alford plea to robbery and misdemeanor battery. The court granted appointed appellate counsel’s motion to withdraw under *Anders v. California* after reviewing counsel’s *Anders* brief, Serrano’s pro se brief, and the record.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Wyoming
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Wyoming
DECIDED	January 22, 2026
DOCKET	S-25-0257
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from the Natrona County District Court's judgment and sentence following the appellant's Alford plea; appellate counsel moved to withdraw under <i>Anders v. California</i> , and the appellant filed a pro se brief.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court independently reviewed the <i>Anders</i> brief, the pro se brief, and the record to determine whether counsel's withdrawal should be permitted and whether the judgment and sentence should be affirmed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Wyoming Supreme Court opinion
PARTIES	Manuel Armenta Serrano v. The State of Wyoming

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- sentencing

PRACTICE AREAS

- criminal law
- criminal procedure
- appellate procedure
- sentencing

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether appointed appellate counsel should be permitted to withdraw under *Anders v. California* after review of the record and the appellant's pro se brief.
2. Whether the Natrona County District Court's judgment and sentence should be affirmed.

HOLDINGS

1. After reviewing appellate counsel's *Anders* brief, Serrano's pro se brief, and the record, the Court granted counsel's motion to withdraw.
2. The Natrona County District Court's October 6, 2025 judgment and sentence was affirmed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Now, following a careful review of the Anders brief submitted by appellate counsel, the pro se brief, and the record, this Court finds that appellate counsel’s motion to withdraw should be granted and the district court’s Judgment and Sentence should be affirmed.” (¶3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Manuel Armenta Serrano entered an Alford plea to one count of robbery under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-401(a)(i) and misdemeanor battery under Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-501(b). The district court sentenced him to eight to ten years of incarceration for robbery and 180 days for misdemeanor battery, with the sentences running concurrently. Serrano challenged the resulting judgment and sentence on appeal.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Serrano entered an Alford plea pursuant to a plea agreement to robbery and misdemeanor battery. The Natrona County District Court imposed concurrent sentences of eight to ten years for robbery and 180 days for battery. Serrano appealed the October 6, 2025 judgment and sentence; appointed appellate counsel moved to withdraw under *Anders*, and the Wyoming Supreme Court allowed Serrano to file a pro se brief before reviewing the briefs and record.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING 2026 WY 10 October Term, A.D. 2025
January 22, 2026 MANUEL ARMENTA SERRANO, Appellant (Defendant), v. S-25-0257 THE
STATE OF WYOMING, Appellee (Plaintiff). ORDER AFFIRMING THE DISTRICT COURT’S

JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE [¶1] This matter came before the Court upon its own motion following notification that Appellant has filed a pro se brief in the time allotted.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Appellant entered an Alford plea to one count of robbery in violation of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-401(a)(i) and misdemeanor battery in violation of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-501(b). For the robbery count, the district court imposed a sentence of eight to ten years of incarceration, and for the misdemeanor battery count, the court imposed a sentence of one hundred eighty days of incarceration, running concurrently.

Appellant filed this appeal to challenge the district court's October 6, 2025, Judgment and Sentence. [¶2] On December 5, 2025, Appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967). This Court entered an Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File Pro Se Brief.

This Court ordered that Appellant was permitted to file with this Court a pro se brief specifying the issues he would like the Court to consider in this appeal. This Court also provided notice that, after the time for filing a pro se brief expired, this Court would make its ruling on counsel's motion to withdraw and, if appropriate, make a final decision on this appeal.

Appellant filed a pro se brief in the time allotted. [¶3] Now, following a careful review of the *Anders* brief submitted by appellate counsel, the pro se brief, and the record, this Court finds that appellate counsel's motion to withdraw should be granted and the district court's Judgment and Sentence should be affirmed. It is, therefore, [¶4] ORDERED that the Wyoming Public Defender's Office, court-appointed counsel for Appellant Manuel Armenta Serrano, is hereby permitted to withdraw as counsel of record for Appellant; and it is further [¶5] ORDERED that the Natrona County District Court's October 6, 2025, Judgment and Sentence be, and the same hereby is, affirmed. [¶6] DATED this 22nd day of January, 2026.

BY THE COURT: /s/ LYNNE BOOMGAARDEN Chief Justice