

APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECOND DEPARTMENT

The People of the State of New York v. Temitope Azeez

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SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department affirmed a judgment convicting Temitope Azeez of petit larceny upon her guilty plea. The court accepted assigned counsel’s Anders brief, found no nonfrivolous issues on independent review, and granted counsel’s motion to withdraw.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Betsy Barros, J.P.; Cheryl E. Chambers, J.; Linda Christopher, J.; James P. McCormack, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Appellate Division, Second Department
DECIDED	December 3, 2025
DOCKET	2022-09876
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Richmond County, convicting her of petit larceny upon her guilty plea and imposing sentence. Assigned appellate counsel filed an Anders brief and moved to withdraw.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Independent review of the record to determine whether any nonfrivolous issue could be raised on appeal following submission of an Anders brief.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published New York appellate decision
PARTIES	Temitope Azeez v. The People of the State of New York

TOPICS

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

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether assigned appellate counsel's Anders brief was sufficient and whether the record disclosed any nonfrivolous issue warranting appellate relief.
2. Whether assigned counsel should be granted leave to withdraw.

HOLDINGS

1. The Anders brief was sufficient, and independent review of the record disclosed no nonfrivolous issue that could be raised on appeal.
2. Counsel's application for leave to withdraw was granted.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"We are satisfied with the sufficiency of the brief filed by the defendant's assigned counsel pursuant to Anders v California (386 US 738), and, upon an independent review of the record, we conclude that there are no nonfrivolous issues which could be raised on appeal." ([*1])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Defendant Temitope Azeez was convicted of petit larceny in the Supreme Court, Richmond County, upon her plea of guilty. The trial court rendered judgment on November 1, 2022, and imposed sentence. The appellate record was reviewed in connection with assigned counsel's Anders submission.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court, Richmond County, rendered judgment on November 1, 2022, following defendant's guilty plea to petit larceny and imposed sentence. On appeal, assigned counsel submitted an Anders brief asserting that no nonfrivolous issues could be raised and sought leave to withdraw. The Appellate Division independently reviewed the record, granted counsel's motion, and affirmed the judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967)
- Matter of Giovanni S. [Jasmin A.], 89 A.D.3d 252