

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

People v. Abdullah

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SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Second Department affirmed a judgment convicting Andrew Abdullah of unauthorized use of a vehicle following his guilty plea. The court granted assigned counsel's motion to withdraw under *Anders v. California*, finding no nonfrivolous issues upon independent review.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Francesca E. Connolly, J.P.; Cheryl E. Chambers, J.; William G. Ford, J.; James McCormack, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Department
DECIDED	March 11, 2026
DOCKET	2024-00080
DISPOSITION	affirmed
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Defendant appealed from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Kings County, convicting him upon his guilty plea and imposing sentence. Assigned appellate counsel filed an <i>Anders</i> brief and moved to withdraw.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Independent review of the record following submission of an <i>Anders</i> brief to determine whether any nonfrivolous issue could be raised on appeal.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	precedential
PARTIES	Andrew Abdullah v. The People of the State of New York

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- right to counsel

PRACTICE AREAS

criminal appellate practice

criminal procedure

appellate counsel withdrawal

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether assigned appellate counsel's Anders brief was sufficient to support withdrawal.
2. Whether the record disclosed any nonfrivolous issue that could be raised on Abdullah's appeal.
3. Whether the judgment convicting Abdullah and imposing sentence should be affirmed.

HOLDINGS

1. The Anders brief was sufficient, and independent review of the record disclosed no nonfrivolous issue that could be raised on appeal; counsel's application for leave to withdraw was therefore granted.
2. The judgment convicting Abdullah of unauthorized use of a vehicle upon his guilty plea and imposing sentence was affirmed.

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.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Andrew Abdullah was convicted of unauthorized use of a vehicle in the Supreme Court, Kings County, after pleading guilty. The court imposed sentence, and Abdullah appealed from the resulting judgment.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court, Kings County, rendered judgment on December 7, 2023, convicting Andrew Abdullah of unauthorized use of a vehicle upon his plea of guilty and imposing sentence. On appeal, assigned counsel submitted an Anders brief asserting that no nonfrivolous appellate issues existed and sought leave to withdraw. The Appellate Division independently reviewed the record, granted counsel's withdrawal application, and affirmed the judgment.

DISPOSITION

affirmed

CASES CITED

- Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738
- Matter of Giovanni S. [Jasmin A.], 89 AD3d 252
- People v. Paige, 54 AD2d 631
- People v. Gonzalez, 47 NY2d 606

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