

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT AT
TEXARKANA

Ruby Dee Isaacs v. The State of Texas

No. 06-25-00048-CR · No. 06-25-00048-CR · Decided January 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The Sixth Court of Appeals of Texas at Texarkana reviewed Ruby Dee Isaacs’s Anders appeal from her conviction for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and found no reversible error. The court modified the judgment and bill of costs to reduce the sheriff’s reimbursement fee from \$360.00 to \$170.00, affirmed the judgment as modified, and granted appointed counsel’s motion to withdraw.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Texas, Sixth Appellate District at Texarkana
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Charles van Cleef; Stevens, C.J.; van Cleef, J.; Rambin, J.
JURISDICTION	Court of Appeals of Texas, Sixth Appellate District at Texarkana
DECIDED	January 5, 2026
DOCKET	06-25-00048-CR
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Isaacs appealed her conviction and sentence following an open guilty plea to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a punishment trial at which the jury assessed thirty years' imprisonment. Appointed appellate counsel filed an Anders brief and moved to withdraw.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The appellate court independently reviewed the entire record and the appellant's pro se response for reversible error under the Anders procedure.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Ruby Dee Isaacs v. The State of Texas

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- criminal procedure
- remedies
- sentencing

PRACTICE AREAS

- Texas criminal appellate procedure
- Anders appeals
- criminal sentencing and costs

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether appointed appellate counsel satisfied the requirements of *Anders v. California* by filing a brief demonstrating that no genuinely arguable appellate issues existed.
2. Whether independent review of the appellate record and Isaacs's pro se response revealed reversible error.
3. Whether the trial court's judgment and bill of costs should be modified to correct the sheriff's reimbursement fee from \$360.00 to \$170.00.
4. Whether appellate counsel's motion to withdraw should be granted under *Anders*.

HOLDINGS

1. Counsel's brief constituted a professional evaluation of the record demonstrating why no arguable grounds existed and therefore satisfied the requirements of *Anders v. California*.
2. The appellate court independently reviewed the entire record and Isaacs's pro se response and determined that no reversible error existed.
3. The trial court's judgment and bill of costs had to be modified to reduce the sheriff's reimbursement fee from \$360.00 to \$170.00 because the appellate record supported only \$170.00 in fees.
4. The court granted counsel's motion to withdraw because the case presented no reversible error and no substitute counsel would be appointed.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"We have reviewed the entire appellate record and Isaacs's pro se response and have independently determined that no reversible error exists." (at 2)

"Accordingly, we modify the trial court's judgment and bill of costs to show that the sheriff's reimbursement fee is \$170.00 instead of \$360.00." (at 2)

"As modified, we affirm the trial court's judgment." (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Ruby Dee Isaacs entered an open plea of guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. During the punishment trial, she pleaded true to the State's punishment enhancement allegation, and the jury assessed thirty years' imprisonment. The trial court imposed the sentence and assessed \$360.00 in sheriff's reimbursement fees, although the appellate record supported only \$170.00 in such fees.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Isaacs pleaded guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded true to a punishment enhancement allegation, and received a thirty-year sentence from the trial court. The trial court also ordered her to pay \$360.00 in sheriff's reimbursement fees. On appeal, counsel filed an *Anders* brief asserting that no genuinely arguable grounds existed, Isaacs filed a pro se response, and the Court of Appeals independently reviewed the

record. The court found no reversible error but modified the judgment and bill of costs to reduce the sheriff's reimbursement fee to \$170.00, affirmed as modified, and granted counsel's motion to withdraw.

DISPOSITION

CASES CITED

- *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 743–44 (1967)
- *In re Schulman*, 252 S.W.3d 403, 406 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008) (orig. proceeding)
- *Stafford v. State*, 813 S.W.2d 503, 509–10 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991)
- *High v. State*, 573 S.W.2d 807, 812–13 (Tex. Crim. App. [Panel Op.] 1978)
- *Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826–27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005)

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