

COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS AT  
AMARILLO

John Lyn Brown v. The State of Texas

No. 07-25-00203-CR · No. 07-25-00203-CR · Decided February 23, 2026

SUMMARY

The Seventh District Court of Appeals of Texas reviewed an Anders appeal from the adjudication of guilt for evading arrest with a motor vehicle. The court independently examined the record, found no non-frivolous issues, affirmed the judgment adjudicating guilt, and granted appointed counsel’s motion to withdraw.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Parker, C.J.; Doss, J.; Yarbrough, J.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| JURISDICTION          | Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas at Amarillo                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DECIDED               | February 23, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| DOCKET                | 07-25-00203-CR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DISPOSITION           | affirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Anders appeal from an order adjudicating guilt after the appellant pleaded true to alleged violations of deferred-adjudication community supervision.                                                                                                                      |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW    | The court independently examined the record for any nonfrivolous issue that could support reversal. It reviewed the trial court's decision to adjudicate guilt for an abuse of discretion and considered whether the sentence was grossly disproportionate to the offense. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | nonprecedential                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| PARTIES               | John Lyn Brown v. The State of Texas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the record presented any nonfrivolous issue requiring reversal in Brown's Anders appeal.
2. Whether the trial court abused its discretion in adjudicating Brown guilty based on his admitted violations of community supervision.
3. Whether Brown's thirty-year sentence was grossly disproportionate to the original offense.

## HOLDINGS

1. After independently examining the record and counsel's Anders brief, the court found no nonfrivolous issue that could support reversal.
2. The record supported the trial court's adjudication of guilt because Brown's pleas of true to the alleged violations alone supported the ruling.
3. The record presented no nonfrivolous challenge that the thirty-year sentence was grossly disproportionate to the original, double-enhanced offense.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“After reviewing the record and counsel’s brief, we agree there is no plausible basis for reversal of Appellant’s conviction.”* (at 3)

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Brown was placed on deferred-adjudication community supervision after pleading pursuant to an agreement to evading arrest with a motor vehicle, enhanced by two prior felonies and accompanied by a deadly-weapon finding. The State alleged that he failed to report to his supervision officer and failed to make certain payments. Brown pleaded true, and the trial court adjudicated him guilty and imposed thirty years' confinement and a \$500 fine.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In October 2024, Brown was placed on deferred-adjudication community supervision under a plea agreement for evading arrest with a motor vehicle, with an affirmative deadly-weapon finding and two prior-felony enhancements. The State later moved to adjudicate guilt based on alleged failures to report and make required payments. Brown pleaded true, and the trial court adjudicated him guilty, confirmed the deadly-weapon finding, and assessed thirty years' confinement and a \$500 fine. Appointed counsel filed an Anders brief and moved to withdraw; Brown did not file a pro se response. The court of appeals independently reviewed the record, found no nonfrivolous issue, affirmed, and granted counsel's motion to withdraw.

## DISPOSITION

affirmed

## CASES CITED

- Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738, 744-45 (1967)

- In re Schulman, 252 S.W.3d 403, 406, 408-09, 411 (Tex. Crim. App. 2008)
- High v. State, 573 S.W.2d 807, 813 (Tex. Crim. App. 1978)
- Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75, 80 (1988)
- Stafford v. State, 813 S.W.2d 503, 511 (Tex. Crim. App. 1991)
- Gainous v. State, 436 S.W.2d 137, 138 (Tex. Crim. App. 1969)
- Bledsoe v. State, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826-27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005)

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