

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-070255
	:	TRIAL NO. B-0609620-B
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
ANTONIO STRATTMAN,	:	
	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

We consider this appeal on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court.¹

While on post-release control, defendant-appellant Antonio Strattman was charged with trafficking in cocaine,² a fourth-degree felony if the offense was committed near a school.³ The case was tried to a jury, and Strattman was convicted as charged and sentenced to 18 months' incarceration. The court also imposed an additional consecutive sentence of 25 months' incarceration on the post-release-control violation, for an aggregate sentence of 43 months' incarceration.

On appeal, counsel for Strattman has filed a brief in accordance with *Anders v. California*, stating that counsel has conscientiously reviewed the record and has found no nonfrivolous grounds for appeal.⁴ Counsel requests permission to withdraw and, as required by *Anders*, asks that this court independently examine the record to determine if the proceedings below were free of prejudicial error. Counsel

¹ See S.Ct.R.Rep.Op. 3(A), App.R. 11.1(E), and Loc.R. 12.

² R.C. 2925.03(A)(1).

³ R.C. 2925.03(C)(2)(b).

⁴ *Anders v. California* (1967), 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396.

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has properly notified Stratman of the filing of this *Anders* brief, providing sufficient time for Stratman to provide grounds for this appeal. Stratman has chosen not to do so.

After examining the entire record, we are satisfied that counsel has provided Stratman with a diligent and thorough review of the proceedings, and that the proceedings below were free of prejudicial error.

We conclude that Stratman's appeal is without merit and is wholly frivolous. Therefore, we overrule counsel's motion to withdraw and affirm the judgment of the trial court.

Although we hold that this appeal is frivolous under App.R. 23 and without "reasonable cause" under R.C. 2505.35, we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against Stratman because he is clearly indigent. Further, a certified copy of this Judgment Entry shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27. Costs shall be taxed under App.R. 24.

PAINTER, P.J., HENDON and DINKELACKER, JJ.

To the Clerk:

Enter upon the Journal of the Court on May 14, 2008
per order of the Court _____.

Presiding Judge