

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

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NOS. C-190307
		C-190308
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	TRIAL NOS. B-1800521
		B-1801934
vs.	:	
		<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
RONDELL HOOKS,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

We consider these appeals on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court. *See* Rep.Op.R. 3.1; App.R. 11.1(E); 1st Dist. Loc.R. 11.1.1.

Defendant-appellant's appointed counsel has advised this court that, after a thorough review of the record, she can find nothing that would arguably support appellant's appeals, and that the appeals are wholly frivolous. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, 18 L.Ed.2d 493 (1967); *see also Freels v. Hills*, 843 F.2d 958 (6th Cir.1988). Counsel, as required by *Anders*, has communicated this conclusion to appellant, and has offered appellant an opportunity to respond and to raise any issues. Counsel has also moved this court for permission to withdraw as counsel. *See Anders* at 744; *see also* 1st Dist. Loc.R. 16.2(C)(1) and 16.2(D)(2).

Counsel now requests that this court independently examine the record to determine whether the appeals are wholly frivolous. *See Anders* at 744. We have done so, and we agree with counsel's conclusion that the proceedings below were free of error prejudicial to appellant and that no grounds exist to support a meritorious appeal.

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Therefore, we overrule counsel's motion to withdraw from her representation of appellant, and affirm the judgment of the trial court.

We hold that these appeals are frivolous under App.R. 23 and without "reasonable cause" under R.C. 2505.35. But we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against appellant because he is indigent.

Further, a certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27.

ZAYAS, P.J., MYERS and BERGERON, JJ.

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on June 30, 2020

per order of the court _____.

Presiding Judge