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

STATE OF OHIO,

APPEAL NO. C-200399

TRIAL NO. B-2002039

Plaintiff-Appellee,

JUDGMENT ENTRY.

VS.

:

DARREN GAMBLE¹,

:

Defendant-Appellant.

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We consider this appeal 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 Darren Gamble was convicted of having a weapon while under a disability in violation of R.C. 2923.13(A)(3). After Gamble pled guilty to the charge, the trial court found him guilty and sentenced him.

Gamble'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 appeal and that the appeal is 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).

¹ Beginning with the entry setting bond, Mr. Gamble's name was misspelled as "Gambler" in the caption throughout this case. We use the correct spelling of his name.

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Counsel now requests that this court independently examine the record to determine whether the appeal is wholly frivolous. *See Anders* at 744. We have done so and we agree with her conclusion that the proceedings below were free of error prejudicial to appellant and that no grounds exist to support a meritorious appeal. Therefore, we overrule counsel's motion to withdraw from her representation of Gamble and affirm the judgment of the trial court.

We hold that this appeal is 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.

Myers, P.J., Crouse and Bock, JJ.

To the clerk:

Enter upon the journal of the court on September 1, 2021

per order of the court

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