

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

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-240493
		TRIAL NO. B-2105358
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
		<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
ANTHONY VENTURA,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

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); Loc.R. 11.1.

Defendant-appellant Anthony Ventura appeals following this court’s remand to the trial court for the limited purpose of resentencing. *See State v. Ventura*, 2024-Ohio-2311, ¶ 14 (1st Dist.). On remand, the trial court imposed an identical 22-year aggregate sentence, comprised of two 11-year prison terms on each of two counts of rape of a minor child.

Ventura’s appointed counsel has advised this court that, after a thorough review of the record, she can find nothing that would arguably support Ventura’s appeal and that the appeal accordingly lacks merit. *See Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967); *Freels v. Hills*, 843 F.2d 958 (6th Cir.1988). Counsel communicated this position to Ventura, as required by *Anders*, and offered him an opportunity to respond and to raise any issues. Ventura generally took issue with the length of his sentence but provided no

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more specific argument. Counsel moved this court for permission to withdraw as counsel. *See Anders* at 744; *see also* Loc.R. 16.2(C)(1) and 16.2(D)(2).

Counsel requested that this court independently examine the record to determine whether the appeal entirely lacks merit. *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 Ventura and that no grounds exist to support a meritorious appeal. Therefore, we affirm the judgment of the trial court and overrule counsel’s motion to withdraw from her representation of Ventura.

We hold that this appeal is meritless under App.R. 23 and without “reasonable cause” under R.C. 2505.35. But we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against Ventura 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.

**KINSLEY, P.J., BERGERON and WINKLER, JJ.**

**To the clerk:**

**Enter upon the journal of the court on 1/10/2025 per order of the court.**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Administrative Judge**