

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

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NOS. C-240717
		C-240718
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	TRIAL NOS. B-2304391
		B-2302704
vs.	:	
AUSTIN C. MASON,	:	
		<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY</i>
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

**MOORE, Judge.**

This court sua sponte removes this cause from the regular calendar and places it on the court's 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'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 (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* 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 appeal is wholly frivolous. *See Anders* at 744. We have done so, and we agree with counsel's conclusion that the proceedings below were free of

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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 appellant 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.

The court further orders that 1) a copy of this Judgment constitutes the mandate, and 2) the mandate be sent to the trial court for execution under App.R. 27. **ZAYAS, P.J.**, and **CROUSE, J.**, concur.

**To the clerk:**

**Enter upon the journal of the court on 10/24/2025 per order of the court.**

By:   
**Administrative Judge**