IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

TWELFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO

MADISON COUNTY

STATE OF OHIO,

Plaintiff-Appellee, : CASE NO. CA2003-09-032

D E C I S I O N 7/12/2004 :

-vs-

STACEY D. ALLISON,

Defendant-Appellant. :

CRIMINAL APPEAL FROM MADISON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Case No. 2003CR-02-043

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Per Curiam.

 $\{\P1\}$ This cause came on to be considered upon a notice of appeal, the transcript of the docket and journal entries, the transcript of proceedings and original papers from the Madison County Court of Common Pleas, a brief filed by appellant's counsel and the pro se brief of appellant, oral argument having been waived.

- {¶2} Counsel for defendant-appellant, Stacey D. Allison, filed a brief with this court pursuant to Anders v. California (1967), 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396, which (1) indicates that a careful review of the record from the proceedings below fails to disclose any errors by the trial court prejudicial to the rights of appellant upon which an assignment of error may be predicated; (2) lists one potential error "that might arguably support the appeal," Anders, at 744, 87 S.Ct. at 1400; (3) requests that this court review the record independently to determine whether the proceedings are free from prejudicial error and without infringement of appellant's constitutional rights; (4) requests permission to withdraw as counsel for appellant on the basis that the appeal is wholly frivolous; and (5) certifies that a copy of both the brief and motion to withdraw have been served upon appellant.
- {¶3} Appellant has filed a motion, which this court construes as a pro se brief, that raises one potential assignment of error, the issue of sentencing, which is the same as the potential assignment of error raised in the brief filed by appellant's counsel. We have accordingly examined the record and find no error prejudicial to appellant's rights in the proceedings in the trial court. Therefore, the motion of counsel for appellant requesting to withdraw as counsel is granted, and this appeal is hereby dismissed for the reason that it is wholly frivolous.

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