

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
TWELFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO  
PREBLE COUNTY

STATE OF OHIO,	:	
Appellee,	:	CASE NO. CA2020-08-012
	:	<u>DECISION</u>
- vs -	:	3/15/2021
	:	
GARY L. STEELE,	:	
Appellant.	:	

APPEAL FROM PREBLE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Case No. 14 CR 11442

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**Per Curiam.**

{¶1} This cause came on to be considered upon a notice of appeal filed by appellant, Gary L. Steele, the transcript of the docket and journal entries, the transcript of proceedings and original papers from the Preble County Court of Common Pleas, and upon the brief filed by appellant's counsel, appellant's pro se brief, and the state's brief in response to appellant's pro se brief.

{¶2} Appellant's counsel has filed a brief with this court pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396 (1967), 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 pro se brief raising assignments of error pertaining to the trial court's conversion of his "complaint" into a postconviction relief petition, the trial court's recognition of attempted rape as an offense, and the determination that appellant is a sexually violent offender.

{¶4} We have accordingly examined the record, the potential assignment of error presented in counsel's brief, and the assignments of error in appellant's pro se brief and find no error prejudicial to appellant's rights in the proceedings in the trial court. The motion of counsel for appellant requesting to withdraw as counsel is granted, and this appeal is dismissed for the reason that it is wholly frivolous.

M. POWELL, P.J., S. POWELL and BYRNE concur.