

***IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING***

**2024 WY 132**

***October Term, A.D. 2024***

**December 12, 2024**

**WAYNE ALLEN RENO,**

**Appellant  
(Defendant),**

**v.**

**THE STATE OF WYOMING,**

**Appellee  
(Plaintiff).**

**S-24-0198**

**ORDER AFFIRMING THE DISTRICT COURT'S JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE**

[¶1] **This matter** came before the Court upon its own motion following notification that Appellant has not filed a *pro se* brief in the time allotted. Pursuant to a plea agreement, Appellant entered an unconditional *Alford* guilty plea to two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree and one count of sexual assault in the third degree. Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 6-2-316; § 6-2-304. For each count, the district court imposed a 7 to 10-year sentence of incarceration and ordered for each count to run concurrently. Appellant filed this appeal to challenge the district court's July 8, 2024, Judgment and Sentence.

[¶2] On October 10, 2024, Appellant's court-appointed appellate counsel filed a Motion to Withdraw as Counsel, pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396, 18 L. Ed. 2d 493 (1967). This Court subsequently entered an Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time to File *Pro Se* Brief. This Court ordered that Appellant was permitted to file with this Court a *pro se* brief specifying the issues he would like the Court to consider in this appeal. This Court also provided notice that, after the time for filing a *pro se* brief expired, this Court would make its ruling on counsel's motion to withdraw and, if appropriate, make a final decision on this appeal. Appellant did not file a *pro se* brief or other pleading in the time allotted

[¶3] Now, following a careful review of the *Anders* brief submitted by appellate counsel, and the record, this Court finds that appellate counsel's motion to withdraw should be granted and the district court's Judgment and Sentence, should be affirmed. It is, therefore,

[¶4] **ORDERED** that the Wyoming Public Defender's Office, court-appointed counsel for Appellant Wayne Allen Reno, is hereby permitted to withdraw as counsel of record for Appellant; and it is further

[¶5] **ORDERED** that the Natrona County District Court's July 8, 2024, Judgment and Sentence be, and the same hereby is, affirmed.

[¶6] **DATED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**BY THE COURT:**

/s/

**KATE M. FOX**  
**Chief Justice**