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STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

ORDER

CHRISTOPHER PAUL McKEEN,

Defendant and Appellant.

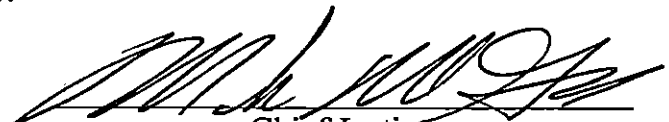
Counsel for Appellant Christopher Paul McKeen filed a motion and brief asking to be allowed to withdraw from this appeal on grounds that counsel has been unable to find any nonfrivolous issues to raise on appeal, pursuant to § 46-8-103(2), MCA, and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967). McKeen was granted time to file a response, but no response was filed.

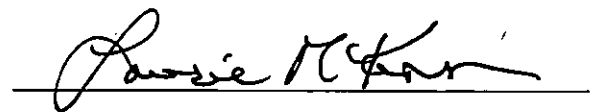
The Court has now independently examined the record pursuant to § 46-8-103(2), MCA, and *Anders*. We conclude there are no arguments with potential legal merit that could be raised on direct appeal in McKeen's case.

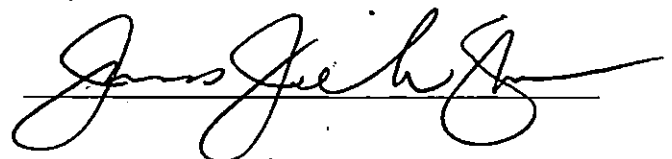
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this appeal is DISMISSED.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to McKeen personally.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2024.


Chief Justice





Robert Brown
Angel G. Smith

Dick M. Slaughter

James Rice
Justices