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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. COA26-499

Filed 16 September 2026

Watauga County, No. 24CR244938-940

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

v.

STILLMAN CURTIS KELLUM

Appeal by defendant from judgment entered 5 December 2025 by Judge Clifton Smith in Watauga County Superior Court. Heard in the Court of Appeals 8 September 2026.

*Attorney General Jeff Jackson, by Assistant Attorney General Hillary F. Patterson, for the State.*

*W. Michael Spivey for defendant-appellant.*

PER CURIAM.

Defendant now appeals from the trial court's judgment sentencing him to 225 to 279 months for trafficking in methamphetamine by possession.

On appeal, defendant's counsel filed a brief pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and *State v. Kinch*, 314 N.C. 99 (1985). In accordance with *Anders* and *Kinch*, counsel advised defendant of his right to file his own arguments

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and provided him with a copy of the brief, transcript of proceedings, printed record on appeal, and this Court's mailing address. Defendant has not filed any written arguments on his own behalf with this Court, and a reasonable time in which he could have done so has passed.

Defendant identifies one issue that may support the appeal: whether the trial court properly overruled his objection to the admission of two of the State's exhibits on the grounds of hearsay and the Confrontation Clause. Defendant, however, recognizes this issue is disposed of in *State v. Castaneda*, 215 N.C. App. 144, 147–48 (2011) and *State v. Davenport*, 297 N.C. App. 605, 611 (2025). Additionally, defendant concedes any error in admitting the exhibits was harmless.

Further, we have conducted a full examination of the record for any additional issues with arguable merit, including those counsel raises in defendant's brief, as required by *Anders* and *Kinch*. We are unable to find any error, however, and conclude that defendant's appeal presents no issue that might entitle defendant to relief from the judgment.

After review, we discern no non-frivolous issues, and we affirm the judgment.

AFFIRMED.

Panel consisting of Judges WOOD, GRIFFIN, and FREEMAN.

Report per Rule 30(e).