

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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Submitted - October 31, 2018

RUTH C. BALKIN, J.P.
SANDRA L. SGROI
BETSY BARROS
LINDA CHRISTOPHER, JJ.

2017-06768

DECISION & ORDER

The People, etc., respondent,
v Reginal Stephenson, appellant.

(Ind. No. 45/17)

Paul Skip Laisure, New York, NY (Lynn W. L. Fahey of counsel), for appellant.

Richard A. Brown, District Attorney, Kew Gardens, NY (John M. Castellano, Johnnette Traill, and Eric C. Washer of counsel; Deanna Russo on the brief), for respondent.

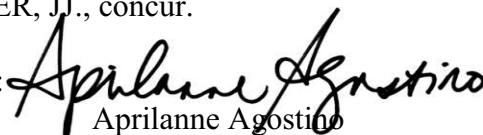
Appeal by the defendant from a judgment of the Supreme Court, Queens County (Barry Kron, J.), rendered June 1, 2017, convicting him of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, upon his plea of guilty, and imposing sentence. Assigned counsel has submitted a brief in accordance with *Anders v California* (386 US 738), in which he moves for leave to withdraw as counsel for the appellant.

ORDERED that the judgment is affirmed.

We are satisfied with the sufficiency of the brief filed by the defendant's assigned counsel pursuant to *Anders v California* (386 US 738). Upon an independent review of the record, we conclude that there are no nonfrivolous issues which could be raised on the appeal. Counsel's application for leave to withdraw as counsel is, therefore, granted (*see id.*; *Matter of Giovanni S. [Jasmin A.]*, 89 AD3d 252; *People v Paige*, 54 AD2d 631; *cf. People v Gonzalez*, 47 NY2d 606).

BALKIN, J.P., SGROI, BARROS and CHRISTOPHER, JJ., concur.

ENTER:


Aprilanne Agostino
Clerk of the Court

November 21, 2018

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