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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT

(Yolo)

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

ROBERT STEVEN MONTOYA,

Defendant and Appellant.

C079233

(Super. Ct. No. CRF121637)

“On November 4, 2014, the voters enacted Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act (hereafter Proposition 47), which went into effect the next day. (Cal. Const., art. II, § 10, subd. (a).)” (*People v. Rivera* (2015) 233 Cal.App.4th 1085, 1089.) Proposition 47 created a resentencing provision, codified at Penal Code section 1170.18, which provides that a person currently serving a sentence for certain designated felonies may petition for recall of the sentence to reduce the felony to a misdemeanor. Defendant Robert Steven Montoya appeals from an order denying his petition to reduce his commitment convictions from felonies to misdemeanors.¹

¹ We incorporate by reference the record in defendant’s appeal of the commitment offenses, *People v. Montoya*, C076708.

Defendant's petition was denied upon a determination that he was not eligible for relief because the commitment offenses were violations of subdivision (a) of section 11379 of the Health and Safety Code, the sale or the offer to sell methamphetamine, and subdivision (a)(1) of section 182 of the Penal Code, conspiracy to sell methamphetamine, neither of which is an eligible offense listed in Penal Code section 1170.18.

Counsel was appointed to represent defendant on appeal. Counsel filed an opening brief setting forth the facts of the case and requesting this court to review the record and determine whether there were any arguable issues on appeal. (*People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436 (*Wende*)). Counsel advised defendant of his right to file a supplemental briefing within 30 days of the date of filing of the opening brief. More than 30 days elapsed, and we received no communication from defendant.

Whether the protections afforded by *Wende* and the United States Supreme Court decision in *Anders v. California* (1967) 386 U.S. 738 [18 L.Ed.2d 493] apply to an appeal from an order denying a petition brought pursuant to Proposition 47 remains an open question. Our Supreme Court has not spoken. The *Anders/Wende* procedures address appointed counsel's representation of an indigent criminal defendant in the first appeal as a matter of right, and courts have been loath to expand their application to other proceedings or appeals. (See *Pennsylvania v. Finley* (1987) 481 U.S. 551 [95 L.Ed.2d 539]; *Conservatorship of Ben C.* (2007) 40 Cal.4th 529; *In re Sade C.* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 952; *People v. Serrano* (2012) 211 Cal.App.4th 496; *People v. Dobson* (2008) 161 Cal.App.4th 1422; *People v. Taylor* (2008) 160 Cal.App.4th 304; *People v. Thurman* (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 36; *Glen C. v. Superior Court* (2000) 78 Cal.App.4th 570.) Nonetheless, in the absence of published authority to the contrary, we will adhere to *Wende* in the present case, where counsel has already undertaken to comply with *Wende* requirements and defendant has been afforded the opportunity to file a supplemental brief.

Having undertaken an examination of the record, we find no arguable error that would result in a disposition more favorable to defendant.

DISPOSITION

The judgment (order) is affirmed.

_____ RAYE _____, P. J.

We concur:

_____ HULL _____, J.

_____ MURRAY _____, J.