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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT

(Yuba)

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

CHARLES EDWARD CHANDLER,

Defendant and Appellant.

C081320

(Super. Ct. No.
CRF140000733)

Appointed counsel for defendant Charles Edward Chandler has filed an opening brief that sets forth the facts of the case and asks this court to review the record and determine whether there are any arguable issues on appeal. (*People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436.) Finding no arguable error that would result in a disposition more favorable to defendant, we will affirm the judgment.

BACKGROUND

We provide the following brief description of the facts and procedural history of the case. (See *People v. Kelly* (2006) 40 Cal.4th 106, 110, 124.)

On December 29, 2014, defendant doused the victim's front door with gasoline and lit it when she opened the door. A large fireball engulfed the victim, who suffered first and second degree burns to 10 percent of her body, including her forehead, face, chin, neck, upper chest, left arm, left foot, back, and left hand. Defendant claimed he was retaliating because the victim and her boyfriend had stolen his marijuana.

On December 30, 2014, defendant was charged with attempted murder (Pen. Code, §§ 664, 187, subd. (a);¹ count 1), intentionally causing permanent disability or disfigurement of another human being (§ 205; count 2), personally inflicting great bodily injury with the intent to cause cruel or extreme pain and suffering for the purpose of revenge (§§ 206, 12022.7, subd. (a); count 3), arson causing great bodily injury (§ 451, subd. (a); count 4), and arson of an inhabited structure (§ 451, subd. (b); count 5). With respect to all counts, it was also alleged defendant had a prior strike. (§§ 1170.12, subs. (b)-(c) & 667, subs. (d)-(e).)

On March 4, 2015, the trial court found defendant not competent to stand trial. (§ 1368 et seq.) Defendant was subsequently committed to Napa State Hospital. (*Ibid.*) On June 5, 2015, the trial court found defendant competent and reinstated proceedings. (*Ibid.*)

On December 16, 2015, defendant pleaded no contest to count 4 and admitted the prior strike. (§§ 451, subd. (a), 667, subs. (d)-(e) & 1170.12, subs. (b)-(c).) The remaining charges were dismissed.

The trial court denied defendant's *Romero*² motion to dismiss his prior conviction and sentenced defendant to 18 years in prison. The trial court imposed a \$3,000 restitution fine (§ 1202.4, subd. (b)), a corresponding parole revocation fine suspended

¹ Undesignated statutory references are to the Penal Code.

² *People v. Superior Court (Romero)* (1996) 13 Cal.4th 497.

