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**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

In re U.V., a Person Coming Under the
Juvenile Court Law.

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

U.V.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Super. Ct. No. JW130859)

OPINION

THE COURT*

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Kern County. Peter A. Warmerdam, Referee.

Rex Adam Williams, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

Office of the State Attorney General, Sacramento, California, for Plaintiff and Respondent.

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* Before Levy, Acting P.J., Poochigian, J., and Detjen, J.

INTRODUCTION

On June 18, 2013, a petition was filed pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 602 alleging that appellant, U.V., committed an assault with a deadly weapon (Pen. Code, § 245, subd. (a)(1)).¹ It was further alleged that appellant inflicted great bodily injury on the victim (§ 12022.7, subd. (a)). Following a contested jurisdiction hearing, the juvenile court found the allegations true.

On July 26, 2013, the juvenile court found the offense to be a felony, declared appellant a ward of the court, found a maximum term of confinement of seven years, and placed him on probation upon various terms and conditions including his commitment to the Crossroads Facility. Appellate counsel has filed a brief pursuant to *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436 (*Wende*).

FACTS

At about 3:30 p.m. on June 12, 2013, A.G. and his girlfriend L. were in McFarland walking home from the bus when appellant approached them on foot. Appellant had been dating L., but they broke up in early June. As appellant passed them, he hit A.G. in the head with a metal pipe. A.G. blacked out. When A.G. regained consciousness, appellant was hitting him in the head with the pipe. A.G. was taken to the hospital where he received five staples in his head.

When the police questioned appellant the next day, appellant admitted that he was upset because he saw L. dating someone new. Appellant admitted confronting A.G. and striking him in the head and upper body four to six times with a pipe. Appellant showed the investigating officers where he had hidden the pipe.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all statutory references are to the Penal Code.

APPELLATE COURT REVIEW

Appellant's appointed appellate counsel has filed an opening brief that summarizes the pertinent facts, raises no issues, and requests this court to review the record independently. (*Wende, supra*, 25 Cal.3d 436.) By letter on November 13, 2013, we invited appellant to submit additional briefing. To date, he has not done so.

After independent review of the record, we have concluded there are no reasonably arguable legal or factual issues.

DISPOSITION

The judgment is affirmed.