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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

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Allen L. Lueck v. La Crosse County and LIRC (L.C. # 2014CV799)

Before Higginbotham, Sherman and Blanchard, JJ.

Allen Lueck appeals the circuit court order that dismissed his petition for Chapter 227 judicial review of an administrative unemployment compensation decision. The circuit court dismissed the petition on the grounds that it was not filed and served within thirty days after the agency's decision was mailed or served, as required by WIS. STAT. § 227.53(1)(a)2. (2013-14).¹

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2013-14 version unless otherwise noted.

After reviewing the record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. We affirm for the reasons discussed below.

Lueck does not dispute that his petition was untimely filed. Instead, he explains that he initially filed the petition "to [the] wrong party" and then did not have enough time "to re appeal" to the circuit court. However, it is well established that strict compliance is required on filing and service deadlines for seeking judicial review of administrative agency decisions. *Cudahy v. DOR*, 66 Wis. 2d 253, 259, 224 N.W.2d 570 (1974). The circuit court correctly found that Lueck's failure to comply with the deadline was fatal, and resulted in the court's loss of competency to proceed. *Kegonsa Joint Sanitary Dist. v. City of Stoughton*, 87 Wis. 2d 131, 150, 274 N.W.2d 598 (1979).

IT IS ORDERED that the circuit court order dismissing as untimely Allen Lueck's petition for judicial review of an unemployment compensation decision is summarily affirmed under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21(1).

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