

## OFFICE OF THE CLERK WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS

110 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 215 P.O. Box 1688

MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701-1688

Telephone (608) 266-1880 TTY: (800) 947-3529 Facsimile (608) 267-0640 Web Site: www.wicourts.gov

## DISTRICT I

June 21, 2016

*To*:

Hon. Jeffrey A. Wagner Circuit Court Judge Milwaukee County Courthouse 901 N. 9th St. Milwaukee, WI 53233

John Barrett Clerk of Circuit Court Room 114 821 W. State Street Milwaukee, WI 53233

Russell D. Bohach P. O. Box 485 Butler, WI 53007 Karen A. Loebel Asst. District Attorney 821 W. State St. Milwaukee, WI 53233

Gregory M. Weber Assistant Attorney General P.O. Box 7857 Madison, WI 53707-7857

Scotty Joe Peterson 270497 Oshkosh Corr. Inst. P.O. Box 3310 Oshkosh, WI 54903-3310

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

2015AP2157-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Scotty Joe Peterson (L.C. # 2013CF2462)

Before Kessler, Brennan and Brash, JJ.

Scotty Joe Peterson appeals a judgment convicting him of one count of child enticement, one count of second-degree sexual assault of a child, and one count of repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child. Attorney Russell Bohach filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as appellate counsel pursuant to Wis. STAT. Rule 809.32 (2013-14), and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Peterson received a copy of the report and responded to it. After conducting an independent review of the record, we conclude that there is an issue of arguable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2013-14 version unless otherwise noted.

merit regarding the DNA surcharges imposed on Peterson. Therefore, we reject the no-merit report and dismiss this appeal without prejudice to allow counsel to file a postconviction motion challenging the surcharges.

The judgment of conviction imposes \$750 in DNA surcharges for the three convictions based on a new DNA surcharge statute that applies to all defendants sentenced on or after January 1, 2014. *See* 2013 Wis. Act 20, §§ 2355, 426(1)(am); Wis. STAT. § 973.046(1r)(a); *State v. Radaj*, 2015 WI App 50, ¶1, 363 Wis. 2d 633, 866 N.W.2d 758. Peterson committed the crimes in 2013. The statute in effect at the time these crimes were committed allowed only one DNA surcharge for multiple offenses. *Id.*, ¶8. Because the new DNA surcharge statute has a punitive effect as applied to Peterson, it is an unconstitutional *ex post facto* law. *See id.*, ¶35. Therefore, imposition of the DNA surcharges creates an issue of arguable merit.

The DNA surcharge issue is not currently preserved for appellate review because no postconviction motion was filed raising it. *See State v. Barksdale*, 160 Wis. 2d 284, 291, 466 N.W.2d 198 (Ct. App. 1991). Because we have concluded that there is an issue that must be raised in the circuit court by postconviction motion, we dismiss this appeal without prejudice and direct counsel to file a postconviction motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this appeal is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for filing a postconviction motion under Wis. Stat. Rule 809.30 is extended until thirty days from the date of this order.

Diane M. Fremgen Clerk of Court of Appeals