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

2016AP2477-NM

In the matter of the mental commitment of J.S.: Dane County v. J.S. (L.C. #2016ME122)

Before Sherman, J.

J.S. appeals from an order that determined she was a proper subject for a mental health commitment under Chapter 51 of the Wisconsin Statutes and authorized involuntary inpatient care for alcoholism. Attorney Jeremy Newman has filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as appellate counsel. *See* Wis. STAT. Rule 809.32 (2015-16); *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967); and *State ex rel. McCoy v. Wisconsin Court of Appeals*, 137 Wis. 2d 90, 403

¹ All further references in this order to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version, unless otherwise noted.

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N.W.2d 449 (1987). The no-merit report addresses the sufficiency of the evidence to support the

commitment and disposition. J.S. was sent a copy of the report, but has not filed a response.

We conclude that the appeal is moot because counsel informs us that the ninety-day

commitment order that is the subject of the appeal expired before the no-merit report was filed,

and no extension of the order was sought.

We further note that, even if this court were to address the merits of the expired order, we

would agree with counsel's assessment that there are no arguably meritorious appellate issues

because J.S. stipulated to the commitment, and the affidavits attached to the commitment petition

satisfied the criteria for commitment under WIS. STAT. § 51.45(13).

IT IS ORDERED that this appeal is dismissed as moot because the underlying

commitment order has expired and was not extended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Jeremy Newman is relieved of any further

representation of J.S. in this matter. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published

and may not be cited under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3)(b).

Diane M. Fremgen Clerk of Court of Appeals

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