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## DISTRICT IV

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

2018AP2070-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Phil R. Johnson (L.C. # 2016CF2658)

Before Lundsten, P.J., Sherman and Fitzpatrick, JJ.

Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).

Attorney Jennifer Lohr, appointed counsel for Phil Johnson, has filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as appellate counsel pursuant to Wis. STAT. Rule 809.32 (2017-18)<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Johnson was sent a copy of the report and has not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2017-18 version unless otherwise noted.

filed a response. Upon consideration of the report and an independent review of the record, we conclude there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

Johnson pled guilty to one count of possession of a narcotic drug. The circuit court withheld sentence and ordered two years of probation. Johnson's probation was later revoked and, as the sentence after revocation, the circuit court accepted the parties' joint recommendation for a sixty-day jail sentence deemed served. Johnson now appeals.

Johnson's appeal from sentencing after revocation does not bring the underlying conviction before us. *See State v. Drake*, 184 Wis. 2d 396, 399, 515 N.W.2d 923 (Ct. App. 1994). Additionally, the validity of the probation revocation is not before us. *See State ex rel. Flowers v. DHSS*, 81 Wis. 2d 376, 384, 260 N.W.2d 727 (1978); *see also State ex rel. Johnson v. Cady*, 50 Wis. 2d 540, 550, 185 N.W.2d 306 (1971) (judicial review of probation revocation is by petition for certiorari in circuit court). Thus, the only potential issues are those relating to the revocation sentence itself.

We agree with counsel that the record discloses no arguable basis to challenge the revocation sentence. As noted, the circuit court accepted the parties' joint sentencing recommendation. Therefore, Johnson is barred from challenging his sentence on appeal. *See State v. Scherreiks*, 153 Wis. 2d 510, 518, 451 N.W.2d 759 (Ct. App. 1989) ("Because defendant affirmatively approved the sentence, he cannot attack it on appeal.").

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment is summarily affirmed. See Wis. Stat. Rule 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Jennifer Lohr is relieved of any further representation of Phil Johnson in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Sheila T. Reiff Clerk of Court of Appeals