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

2024AP2402-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Lemont R. Siller (L.C. # 2022CF1927)

Before Colón, P.J., Donald, and Geenen, JJ.

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Lemont R. Siller appeals a judgment, entered upon his guilty pleas, convicting him of one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with use of a dangerous weapon and four counts of recklessly endangering safety with use of a dangerous weapon as a party to the crimes. Appellate counsel, Will Straube, filed a no-merit report pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2023-24).¹ Siller received a copy of the report,

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

was advised of his right to file a response, and has not responded. We have independently reviewed the record and the no-merit report as mandated by *Anders*. We conclude that there are no issues of arguable merit that could be pursued on appeal. We therefore summarily affirm. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

On May 18, 2022, the State charged Siller and two co-defendants with one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with the use of a dangerous weapon and seven counts of first-degree reckless injury with the use of a dangerous weapon as a party to the crimes. According to the complaint, Milwaukee police responded to a shooting in the area of North Water Street and East Juneau Avenue following a Milwaukee Bucks playoff game. Surveillance video showed Siller and multiple other individuals surround an individual identified as R.L. One of R.L.'s associates began firing shots. Siller, along with multiple others, returned fire in R.L.'s direction. In total, 16 individuals, including R.L., were shot and injured.

Siller ultimately pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with the use of a dangerous weapon and four amended charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety with the use of a dangerous weapon as a party to the crimes. The circuit court conducted a plea colloquy with Siller and accepted his pleas. The court sentenced Siller to 15 years of initial confinement followed by 5 years of extended supervision for conspiracy to commit aggravated battery. The court also sentenced Siller to eight years of initial confinement followed by five years of extended supervision for each reckless endangerment count, concurrent to each other but consecutive to the conspiracy count. The court also ordered restitution to be paid to one of the victims jointly and severally by Siller and his co-defendants. This no-merit report follows.

Appellate counsel's no-merit report addresses two issues: (1) whether Siller's pleas were knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; and (2) whether the circuit court properly exercised its sentencing discretion.

With regard to Siller's guilty pleas, our review of the record—including the plea questionnaire/waiver of rights form, the addendum, the jury instructions, and the plea hearing transcript—confirms that the circuit court complied with its obligations for taking guilty pleas, pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 971.08, *State v. Bangert*, 131 Wis. 2d 246, 261-62, 389 N.W.2d 12 (1986), and *State v. Brown*, 2006 WI 100, ¶35, 293 Wis. 2d 594, 716 N.W.2d 906. These obligations exist specifically to help ensure the validity of any plea. We thus agree with appellate counsel's conclusion in the no-merit report that there is no arguable merit to seeking plea withdrawal based upon a claim that Siller's pleas were anything other than knowing, intelligent, and voluntary.

With regard to the circuit court's sentencing decision, we note that sentencing is a matter for the circuit court's discretion. *See State v. Gallion*, 2004 WI 42, ¶17, 270 Wis. 2d 535, 678 N.W.2d 197. At sentencing, a court must consider the principal objectives of sentencing, including the protection of the community, the punishment and rehabilitation of the defendant, and deterrence to others. *State v. Ziegler*, 2006 WI App 49, ¶23, 289 Wis. 2d 594, 712 N.W.2d 76. It must also determine which objective or objectives are of greatest importance. *Gallion*, 270 Wis. 2d 535, ¶41. In seeking to fulfill the sentencing objectives, the court should consider several primary factors, including the gravity of the offense, the character of the offender, and the protection of the public, and it may consider additional factors. *State v. Odom*, 2006 WI App 145, ¶7, 294 Wis. 2d 844, 720 N.W.2d 695. The weight to be given to each factor is committed to the court's discretion. *Id.* Our review of the record confirms that the circuit court

appropriately considered the relevant sentencing objectives and factors. The resulting sentence was within the potential maximum authorized by law, *see State v. Scaccio*, 2000 WI App 265, ¶18, 240 Wis. 2d 95, 622 N.W.2d 449, and is not so excessive so as to shock the public's sentiment, *see Ocanas v. State*, 70 Wis. 2d 179, 185, 233 N.W.2d 457 (1975).

Our independent review of the record reveals no other potential issues of arguable merit.

For all the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of conviction is summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Will Straube is relieved of any further representation of Lemont R. Siller on appeal. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals