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

2024AP1682-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Emmanuel Flores-Sauceda
(L.C. # 2022CF65)

Before Kloppenburg, Nashold, and Taylor, 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 Melissa Petersen, as appointed counsel for Emmanuel Flores-Sauceda, filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2023-24)¹ and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Counsel provided Flores-Sauceda with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised him of his right to file a response. Flores-Sauceda has not responded. We conclude that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

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

After our independent review of the record, we conclude that there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

Flores-Sauceda pled no contest to one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver (10-50 grams) and one count of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver (3-10 grams). The circuit court imposed concurrent sentences of three and one-half years of initial confinement and five years of extended supervision.

Before pleading no contest, Flores-Sauceda filed a motion to suppress evidence. The circuit court held an evidentiary hearing and denied the motion. The no-merit report concludes that there is no arguable merit to this issue. We agree. The facts of the traffic stop were not significantly in dispute and, based on those facts, the circuit court correctly concluded that the traffic stop was not improperly extended for a canine walk-around, and that the conduct of police early in the stop did not convert the traffic stop into a custodial arrest without probable cause.

The no-merit report addresses whether Flores-Sauceda's pleas were entered knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently. The plea colloquy sufficiently complied with the requirements of *State v. Brown*, 2006 WI 100, ¶35, 293 Wis. 2d 594, 716 N.W.2d 906, and WIS. STAT. § 971.08 relating to the nature of the charge, the rights Flores-Sauceda was waiving, and other matters. The record shows no other ground to withdraw the plea. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

The no-merit report addresses Flores-Sauceda's sentences. The sentences are within the legal maximums. As to discretionary issues, the standards for the circuit court and this court are well established and need not be repeated here. See *State v. Gallion*, 2004 WI 42, ¶¶17-51, 270 Wis. 2d 535, 678 N.W.2d 197. In this case, the court considered appropriate factors, did not

consider improper factors, and reached a reasonable result. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

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

Therefore,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Petersen is relieved of further representation of Flores-Sauceda in this matter. *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