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P.D.F.

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

2025AP2468-NM

Winnebago County v. P.D.F. (L.C. #2023ME22)

Before Grogan, J.¹

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).

In this WIS. STAT. ch. 51 case, P.D.F. appeals from orders extending his commitment for twelve months and authorizing the involuntary administration of medication and treatment. P.D.F.'s appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). P.D.F. filed a response. After reviewing the Record, counsel's report, and P.D.F.'s response, we conclude there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. Therefore, we summarily affirm the orders. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(d) (2023-24). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

P.D.F. suffers from schizophrenia and has long been committed under WIS. STAT. ch. 51. On December 27, 2024, Winnebago County filed a petition to extend his commitment for twelve months and authorize the involuntary administration of medication and treatment.

The circuit court held a hearing on the petition on January 23, 2025. There, it heard testimony from P.D.F.'s treating psychiatrist, who described P.D.F.'s mental illness and inability to make medication or treatment decisions. It also heard testimony from a correctional officer, who recounted multiple incidents with P.D.F. while he was recently housed at her prison.² Ultimately, the court was persuaded that the County had met its burden and issued orders granting the requested relief. This no-merit appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses whether the circuit court orders extending P.D.F.'s commitment for twelve months and authorizing the involuntary administration of medication and treatment were valid and supported by sufficient evidence. This court is satisfied that the no-merit report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and we will not discuss them further.

As noted, P.D.F. filed a response to counsel's no-merit report. The response is difficult to decipher, as it is rambling and often nonsensical. In any event, we are not persuaded that it presents an issue of arguable merit.

Our independent review of the Record does not disclose any potentially meritorious issue for appeal. Because we conclude that there would be no arguable merit to any issue that could

² In one incident, P.D.F. attempted to throw fluids at a nurse. In other incidents, he acted aggressively towards fellow inmates, yelling at them, and attempting to pull away from intervening staff.

be raised on appeal, we accept the no-merit report and relieve Attorney Thomas Brady Aquino from further representation of P.D.F. in this appeal.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the orders of the circuit court are summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Thomas Brady Aquino is relieved from further representation of P.D.F. in this 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