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

2024AP1017

Lisa Ann Grassold v. 39 Wrenches Auto Repair LLC
(L.C. # 2023SC7414)

Before Nashold, 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).

Lisa Grassold, pro se, appeals a circuit court judgment denying her claims for monetary damages and replevin against 39 Wrenches Auto Repair LLC, and also granting monetary damages and a mechanic's lien to 39 Wrenches on its counterclaim. Having reviewed the briefs and record, I conclude that this case is appropriate for summary disposition pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21, and I affirm.

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

The judgment appealed from was entered after a small-claims court trial. Grassold had filed a complaint alleging that 39 Wrenches had worked on a vehicle she owned, and that the work had been done improperly, damaging the vehicle. Grassold had not paid 39 Wrenches for some of the work done, but 39 Wrenches nevertheless agreed to release the vehicle to her on the condition that she would give as collateral a motorcycle that she also owned. 39 Wrenches filed an answer and counterclaim seeking a judgment for the cost of the vehicle repairs. At the time of trial, 39 Wrenches still possessed the motorcycle, and Grassold still had not paid for the work done to her vehicle.

After taking testimony, the circuit court found the owner of 39 Wrenches more credible than Grassold regarding the quality of the work 39 Wrenches had done on the vehicle. The court further found that the damaged condition of the vehicle was not due to any actions or omissions by 39 Wrenches, but due to the fact that the vehicle had been in an accident: the vehicle had been parked and unoccupied, but had begun to move, resulting in its falling off of a retaining wall several feet high. The court therefore granted judgment to 39 Wrenches, determining that Grassold owed the cost of the repairs 39 Wrenches had made. The judgment also granted 39 Wrenches a mechanic's lien on the motorcycle it still held.

On appeal, Grassold has filed an appellant's brief that fails to comply with the rules of appellate procedure. It does not contain a statement of facts, generally does not cite the record, and makes no reference to any legal authority. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.19(1)(d), (e). Moreover, it is impossible, from the scant and disjointed assertions the brief does make, to discern any argument that the circuit court committed any error. Most of the brief is given over to making uncited, unsupported assertions about the cause of damage to Grassold's vehicle.

We may decline to review issues inadequately briefed. *State v. Pettit*, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992). Although we make some allowances for a pro se litigant, “[w]e cannot serve as both advocate and judge” by “making an argument for the litigant.” *State ex rel. Harris v. Smith*, 220 Wis. 2d 158, 165, 582 N.W.2d 131 (Ct. App. 1998). Because Grassold has failed to present any discernible argument that any error occurred in this case, I affirm.

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

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

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals