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

2024AP266-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2020CF773)
2024AP267-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2019CF1131)
2024AP268-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2019CF2660)
2024AP269-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2020CF807)
2024AP270-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2020CF1164)
2024AP271-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2020CF1276)
2024AP272-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2021CF102)
2024AP273-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2021CF570)
2024AP274-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2021CF1419)
2024AP275-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Dorian L. Watkins (L.C. # 2021CF1606)

Before Kloppenburg, P.J., Graham, and Nashold, 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 Len Kachinsky, as appointed counsel for Dorian Watkins, 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 Watkins with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised him of his right to file a response. Watkins has not responded. We conclude that these cases are appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. After our independent review of the records, we conclude that there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

In the ten cases underlying these consolidated appeals, Watkins pled guilty to numerous offenses, the most serious of which were armed robbery, burglary, strangulation, and felony bail jumping. The circuit court imposed a combination of consecutive and concurrent sentences that resulted, after sentence credit, in total sentences of five years of initial confinement and four years of extended supervision.

The no-merit report addresses whether Watkins' pleas were entered knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently. The plea colloquies 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 Watkins was waiving, and other matters. The records show no other ground to withdraw the plea. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

The no-merit report addresses Watkins' 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

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

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.

Watkins filed a postconviction motion arguing that the sentencing court did not adequately explain its decision to delay his eligibility for the challenge incarceration program and substance abuse program. The court concluded that its explanation was adequate, and denied the motion. There is no arguable merit to a claim that the court erroneously exercised its discretion in denying the motion.

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

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgments of conviction and order denying postconviction relief are summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Kachinsky is relieved of further representation of Watkins 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