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

2023AP2326

Cindy L. McNamara v. David J. McNamara (L.C. #1992FA217)

Before Neubauer, Grogan and Lazar, 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).

David J. McNamara, pro se, appeals a circuit court order finding him in contempt for failing to pay arrears on child support. Based upon our review of the briefs and Record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2023-24).¹ We affirm.

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

An appellant’s brief should contain an argument that sets forth the contentions of the appellant, including the reasons on which the argument is based, with citations to legal authority and the parts of the record on which the appellant relies. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.19(1)(e). Appellants who are proceeding pro se “must satisfy all procedural requirements, unless those requirements are waived by the court.” *Waushara County v. Graf*, 166 Wis. 2d 442, 452, 480 N.W.2d 16 (1992). “The right to self-representation is ‘[not] a license not to comply with relevant rules of procedural and substantive law.’” *Id.* (alteration in original; citations omitted).

The arguments presented in appellant McNamara’s brief do not clearly set forth the legal grounds on which he seeks relief and he provides no citations to the parts of the Record on which he relies. Not only has McNamara failed to comply with our briefing rules, his arguments are conclusory and largely incomprehensible. On appeal, “it is the burden of the appellant to demonstrate that the [circuit] court erred.” *Seltrecht v. Bremer*, 214 Wis. 2d 110, 125, 571 N.W.2d 686 (Ct. App. 1997). We will also not review issues that are inadequately briefed. *State v. Pettit*, 171 Wis. 2d 627, 646-47, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992) (We will not address issues raised by an appellant where a brief “is so lacking in organization and substance that for us to decide [the] issues, we would first have to develop them.”).

Further, we observe that McNamara has failed to obtain a transcript of the relevant circuit court hearing. See *Austin v. Ford Motor Co.*, 86 Wis. 2d 628, 634, 641, 273 N.W.2d 233 (1979) (when transcripts are missing from the Record, we assume that they support affirming the circuit court’s determination). He also failed to file a reply brief responding to the arguments made in the respondent’s brief. See *Schlieper v. DNR*, 188 Wis. 2d 318, 322, 525 N.W.2d 99 (Ct. App. 1994) (propositions asserted by a respondent on appeal and not disputed by the appellant in the

reply brief are taken as admitted). Given the above, we summarily affirm the circuit court's order. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the order 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