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

2025AP41-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Tristan A. Knox (L.C. # 2020CF1898)

Before White, C.J., Donald, and Geenen, 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).

Appellate counsel for Tristan A. Knox filed a no-merit report in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2023-24).¹ By order dated September 29, 2025, we directed appellate counsel to file a supplemental no-merit report. Appellate counsel subsequently withdrew from this case for medical reasons, and the state public defender appointed Attorney Gregory Bates as successor appellate counsel for Knox. Attorney Bates now advises that further proceedings in this matter would not be frivolous. He therefore requests voluntary dismissal of this appeal and

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

an extension of appellate deadlines to permit the filing of a postconviction motion under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.30(2)(h). A no-merit appeal is appropriate only if counsel is convinced that further postconviction proceedings would be wholly frivolous. *McCoy v. Court of Appeals*, 486 U.S. 429, 438 (1988). Accordingly, the court will grant the relief requested.

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report in this matter is rejected, and this appeal is dismissed without prejudice. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.18(1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for Knox to file a postconviction motion or notice of appeal pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.30 is extended through the date sixty days after remittitur. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.82(2)(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals