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

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2024AP249-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Jacob M. Kent (L. C. No. 2022CF270)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz, and Gill, 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).**

Jacob Kent appeals from a judgment convicting him, upon a no-contest plea, of causing a child between the ages of 13 and 18 to view sexual activity, contrary to WIS. STAT. § 948.055(1) and (2)(b)2 (2023-24).<sup>1</sup> Attorney Tyler Jochman has filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as Kent's appellate counsel. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32. The no-merit report sets forth the procedural history of the case and addresses the validity of Kent's plea and whether trial counsel afforded Kent ineffective assistance by failing to raise an entrapment defense. Kent was

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<sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2023-24 version.

informed of his right to respond to the no-merit report, but he has not filed a response. Having independently reviewed the entire record as mandated by *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967), we conclude that there are no arguably meritorious issues for appeal. Therefore, counsel shall be allowed to withdraw, and the judgment of conviction will be summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

The complaint alleged Kent sent videos of himself masturbating to the Facebook account of what he believed to be a 14 or 15-year-old girl. The Facebook account had actually been set up by the father of a minor female.<sup>2</sup> The father subsequently provided law enforcement with access to the Facebook account.

Kent agreed to plead no contest to the sole count in the information in exchange for a joint sentencing recommendation of 18 months' initial confinement followed by 2 years' extended supervision to be served concurrent to a revocation sentence in another case. The circuit court accepted Kent's plea after conducting a plea colloquy, reviewing Kent's signed plea questionnaire, and ascertaining that there was a factual basis to support the plea.

The circuit court ordered a presentence investigation report (PSI) and subsequently held a sentencing hearing. After reviewing the PSI, the court heard from counsel and afforded Kent an opportunity to speak, which he declined. The court discussed factors connected to the severity of the offense and Kent's character, and it explained how they related to the court's sentencing goals of protecting the community, punishing Kent, and rehabilitating him in a confined setting.

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<sup>2</sup> The complaint did not explicitly state why the parent had created the account, but it could be inferred that the parent suspected Kent of having inappropriate contact with his daughter.

The court then followed the parties' joint recommendation and sentenced Kent to 18 months' initial confinement followed by 2 years' extended supervision, with 216 days of credit, to be served concurrently with his revocation sentence.

Upon reviewing the record, we agree with appellate counsel's analysis and conclusion that Kent has no arguably meritorious basis to challenge his plea or his trial counsel's performance. The circuit court conducted an adequate plea colloquy which was supported by Kent's plea questionnaire, and Kent does not assert that he misunderstood the charges or his rights. *See* WIS. STAT. § 971.08(1)(a); *State v. Bangert*, 131 Wis. 2d 246, 389 N.W.2d 12 (1986) (discussing the requirements for plea colloquies). There was no basis for trial counsel to raise an entrapment defense because any inducements in this case were made by a private citizen without the involvement of law enforcement. *See* WIS JI—CRIMINAL 780.

In addition to the issues discussed by counsel, we note that the sentence imposed was within the maximum available penalty and was not unduly harsh, given the circumstances of the case. *See State v. Grindemann*, 2002 WI App 106, ¶31, 255 Wis. 2d 632, 648 N.W.2d 507 (stating that a sentence may be considered unduly harsh or unconscionable only when it is "so excessive and unusual and so disproportionate to the offense committed as to shock public sentiment and violate the judgment of reasonable people concerning what is right and proper under the circumstances" (citation omitted)). Furthermore, the circuit court imposed a sentence in accordance with the defendant's own recommendation. *See State v. Scherreiks*, 153 Wis. 2d 510, 518, 451 N.W.2d 759 (Ct. App. 1989) (holding that a defendant may not challenge on appeal a sentence that he or she affirmatively approved).

Our independent review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal. We conclude that any further appellate proceedings would be wholly frivolous within the meaning of *Anders*. Accordingly, counsel shall be allowed to withdraw, and the judgment of conviction will be summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of conviction is summarily affirmed pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Tyler Jochman is relieved of any further representation of Jacob Kent in this matter pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

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*Samuel A. Christensen*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*