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

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2024AP680-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven A. Jedkins (L.C. #2021CF1252)
2024AP681-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven A. Jedkins (L.C. #2021CF1890)
2024AP682-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven A. Jedkins (L.C. #2022CF360)

Before Gundrum, P.J., Neubauer and Grogan, 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).**

Steven A. Jedkins appeals from judgments of conviction in each of three cases. His appellate counsel filed a no-merit report as to these consolidated appeals pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2021-22)<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Jedkins was sent a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has not done so. Upon

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<sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2021-22 version unless otherwise noted.

consideration of the report and an independent review of the record, we conclude there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. We summarily affirm. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Jedkins entered guilty pleas to felony bail jumping as a repeater in one case; possession of a controlled substance as a second or subsequent offense in another case; and possession of THC as a second or subsequent offense and as a repeater in a third case.<sup>2</sup> Several other charges were dismissed and read in, including multiple felony charges.

The circuit court ordered a pre-sentence investigation report prior to sentencing Jedkins in each of these three cases. After considering the contents of the report, the arguments of counsel, and Jedkins' statement, the court sentenced Jedkins as follows: for possession of THC, second or subsequent offense as a repeater, eighteen months of initial confinement and eighteen months of extended supervision; for possession of a controlled substance, one year of initial confinement and one year of extended supervision, consecutive to the previous sentence; for felony bail jumping, one year of initial confinement and one year of extended supervision, consecutive to the other prison sentences. The court found Jedkins eligible for both the challenge incarceration and substance abuse programs. This no-merit appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses in detail whether there would be arguable merit to a challenge to Jedkins' guilty pleas. Jedkins submitted a signed plea questionnaire and waiver of rights form with the elements of the crimes to which he was pleading attached. He told the

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<sup>2</sup> At the time of the plea hearing, Jedkins also entered a guilty plea to a charge of resisting or obstructing an officer. However, after an error with the sentencing structure for that offense was discovered at sentencing, the judgment of conviction reflects that charge as having been dismissed and read in. None of this affects our analysis of this no-merit appeal.

circuit court he had discussed the plea questionnaire and the attachment with his attorney, he fully understood the documents, and he was satisfied with his attorney's representation. The plea colloquy 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 and maximum penalties, the rights Jedkins was waiving, and other matters. By his attorney, Jedkins acknowledged that the criminal complaint provided a factual basis for his plea. The record shows no other ground to withdraw the plea. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

The no-merit report also addresses whether the circuit court erroneously exercised its sentencing discretion. The standards for the circuit court and this court on sentencing issues are well-established and need not be repeated here. *See State v. Gallion*, 2004 WI 42, ¶¶17-51, 270 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.

Upon our independent review of the record, we have found no other arguable basis for reversing the judgment. *See State v. Allen*, 2010 WI 89, ¶¶81-82, 328 Wis. 2d 1, 786 N.W.2d 124. We conclude that any further appellate proceedings would be wholly frivolous within the meaning of *Anders* and WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32. Therefore,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Annice Kelly is relieved of any further representation of Jedkins in this matter. *See* 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*