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

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2023AP2137-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Robert C. Hoffman, Jr. (L.C. #2019CM555)

Before Grogan, J.<sup>1</sup>

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Robert C. Hoffman, Jr., appeals from a judgment convicting him of obstructing an officer. His appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Hoffman received a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report and an independent review of the Record, this court concludes there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. Therefore, this court summarily affirms the judgment. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

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<sup>1</sup> This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2) (2021-22). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2021-22 version unless otherwise noted.

In the early morning hours of August 30, 2019, Officer Robert Wandrie observed a vehicle parked in a convenience store parking lot. He ran the license plate and discovered that the vehicle's registration was suspended and that its owner, Hoffman, had a suspended driver's license. Wandrie was familiar with Hoffman from prior police contacts. He saw Hoffman in the driver's seat of the vehicle before it drove away.

Wandrie activated his emergency lights in an attempt to stop the vehicle. When that failed, he activated his siren. The vehicle continued several blocks before stopping at a residence belonging to Hoffman's father. There, Wandrie gave Hoffman multiple commands, which Hoffman ignored. Wandrie then called for backup. Eventually, Hoffman exited the vehicle with a cigarette in hand. Wandrie told Hoffman to put the cigarette down, but he refused. When Hoffman reached his other hand towards his pocket, another officer, Scott Hodek, tased him. The officers then took Hoffman into custody.

The State subsequently filed a complaint charging Hoffman with obstructing an officer. The matter proceeded to a bench trial.<sup>2</sup> At trial, the circuit court heard testimony from Wandrie, Hodek, and Hoffman. In doing so, it excluded evidence that Hoffman attempted to introduce regarding his previous interactions with police. Ultimately, the court found Hoffman guilty of the charged offense and sentenced him to one week in jail. This no-merit appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses: (1) whether the evidence was sufficient to support Hoffman's conviction; (2) whether the circuit court properly exercised its discretion in excluding evidence of Hoffman's previous interactions with police; and (3) whether the court properly

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<sup>2</sup> Hoffman waived his right to a jury trial following a colloquy with the circuit court.

imposed its sentence. This court is satisfied that the no-merit report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and will not discuss them further.

A review of the Record discloses no other potential issues for appeal. Accordingly, this court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the judgment of conviction, and discharges appellate counsel of the obligation to represent Hoffman further in this appeal.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Laura M. Force is relieved of further representation of Robert C. Hoffman, Jr., in this appeal. *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*