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

2024AP1061-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Maurice Bell (L. C. No. 2019CF1373)

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).

Maurice Bell appeals from a judgment of conviction for two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety as a party to a crime, with use of a dangerous weapon and as a repeater, and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon. Bell's appellate counsel, Carlos Bailey, filed a no-merit report pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2023-24). Bell filed a response to the no-merit report, raising several issues.

Upon our initial review of the record and the no-merit report, as mandated by *Anders*, this court identified five potential issues of arguable merit. By order dated March 4, 2025, we therefore directed appellate counsel to either: (1) file a supplemental no-merit report explaining why those potential issues lacked arguable merit; or (2) move to voluntarily dismiss this no-merit appeal and seek an extension of the time in which to file a postconviction motion.

Appellate counsel has now filed a motion for voluntary dismissal of this no-merit appeal and for an extension of the time to file a postconviction motion. Accordingly, we reject the no-merit report, dismiss the appeal without prejudice, and extend the time for Bell to file a postconviction motion.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected and the appeal is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing a postconviction motion is extended to June 30, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals