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

2025AP93-CRNM

State of Wisconsin v. Jacob Colt Johnson (L. C. No. 2023CF320)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz, and Gill, JJ.

Jacob Colt Johnson appeals from a judgment of conviction for mutilating a corpse, as a party to a crime. Johnson's appellate counsel, Roberta A. Heckes, has filed a no-merit report pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2023-24).¹ Johnson has not filed a response to the no-merit report.

After reviewing the appellate record and the no-merit report, this court identified three potential issues of arguable merit regarding the validity of Johnson's no-contest plea. On June 11, 2025, we therefore ordered Attorney Heckes to consult with Johnson and: (1) move to

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

voluntarily dismiss this appeal and request an extension of the time in which to file a postconviction motion; (2) inform us by letter that Johnson did not wish to pursue the identified issues; or (3) file a supplemental no-merit report explaining why the identified issues lack arguable merit.

We have now received a letter from Attorney Heckes, stating that she has consulted with Johnson. Based on her discussions with Johnson, Attorney Heckes asks this court “to accept ... Johnson’s directive that he does not want to further pursue, in any manner and irregardless of any identified issue, the No Merit Report.” Attorney Heckes therefore asks us to “take whatever action this Court deems appropriate to close this case.”

We construe Attorney Heckes’ letter as a notice of voluntary dismissal. Based on the representation in the letter that Johnson “does not want to further pursue” the no-merit report, we will dismiss this no-merit appeal. However, we remind Johnson that by dismissing this no-merit appeal, he is giving up his right to a direct appeal, and no other attorney will be appointed by the State Public Defender to represent him in this case. If this is not his intention, Johnson must file a motion for reconsideration within 20 days of the date of this order.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that this no-merit appeal is dismissed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.18.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Roberta A. Heckes is relieved of further representation of Jacob Colt Johnson in this matter.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals