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No. 2025AP2676

DANE COUNTY V. WALKER

L.C.#2025FO73

January 14, 2026

The Court, by its Clerk and Commissioners, has entered the following order:

On January 12, 2026, defendant-appellant-petitioner, Charles L. Walker, filed a document entitled "Petition for Review" and bearing Case No. 2025AP2676. Case No. 2025AP2676 is the case number for the appeal filed by Mr. Walker. The court of appeals, however, has not issued a final decision in that appeal. It has issued orders in that appeal relating only to Mr. Walker's motion for the appointment of a three-judge panel and regarding the delinquency of Mr. Walker's Statement on Transcript. No briefs have been filed in that appeal, and it remains pending in the court of appeals.

In addition, Mr. Walker also filed a petition for a writ of mandamus in the court of appeals, which was assigned Case No. 2025AP2689-W. The court of appeals issued a final order denying that writ petition on December 12, 2025. Mr. Walker then filed a timely motion for reconsideration in that writ proceeding, which the court of appeals denied by order dated December 30, 2025.

The text of the petition for review filed on January 12, 2026, is not clear as to in which case identified above the petition should be filed. Because the petition identifies the appeal, Case No. 2025AP2676, on the first page, it has been filed into that appeal. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED the petition for review filed in Case No. 2025AP2676 is dismissed. The subject of a petition for review must be the final decision of the court of appeals. *In Interest of A.R.*, 85 Wis. 2d 444, 270 N.W.2d 581 (1978). The court of appeals has not yet rendered its final decision in Case No. 2025AP2676.

Mr. Walker, however, should note that if he intended the petition for review to seek review of the court of appeals' denial of the petition for writ of mandamus in Case No. 2025AP2689-W, he must refile the petition for review in that case with Case No.

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2025AP2689-W clearly identified on the document. The deadline for filing a petition for review in Case No. 2025AP2689-W is January 29, 2026. WIS. STAT. § 808.10(2) (if a timely motion for reconsideration is filed in the court of appeals, the 30-day period for filing a petition for review in the supreme court begins on the date on which the court of appeals issues an order denying the motion for reconsideration). That deadline cannot be extended, and the failure to file a petition for review within the 30-day period forfeits the right to file a petition for review. *First Wis. Nat'l Bank of Madison v. Nicholaou*, 87 Wis. 2d 360, 274 N.W.2d 704 (1979). Moreover, because Mr. Walker is a filer utilizing traditional methods (i.e., paper copies of documents), the paper copy of the petition for review must be physically received by the clerk of this court by January 29, 2026. WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.80(3)(a). The petition for review will not be timely if the petition is only placed in the mail before that date but does not arrive in the clerk's office until after that date. In other words, if the petition is received by the clerk of this court after January 29, 2026, it will be dismissed as untimely.

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Clerk of Supreme Court

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