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No. 2020AP1866-CR

STATE V. ADAMS

L.C.#2010CF674

January 27, 2026

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

On October 24, 2025, the defendant-appellant-petitioner, Miguel J. Adams, filed a petition for review of the court of appeals' September 24, 2025, decision affirming the circuit court's judgment convicting Adams of second-degree sexual assault and its order denying this motion for postconviction relief. The defendant-appellant-petitioner also filed a supporting appendix. The petition for review contained a certification that the petition "conforms to the rules contained in s. 809.19(8)(b), (bm) and 809.62(4)." The petition for review filed on October 24, 2025, was temporarily sealed because it cites and refers to confidential materials relating to the victim, who was a juvenile at the time of the offenses at issue in this case, including confidential school pupil records under WIS. STAT. § 118.125(1)(d)2.

On October 31, 2025, the plaintiff-respondent, State of Wisconsin, filed a motion to strike the petition for review because its length, 10,441 words, greatly exceeds the page/word limitations set forth in WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.62(4). The defendant-appellant-petitioner's response to that motion acknowledged that, as a result of counsel's errors, the certification incorrectly certified that the petition for review complied with the page/word limitations in WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.62(4). The defendant-appellant-petitioner requests that he be permitted to file a corrected petition for review that complies with the applicable length requirements. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the plaintiff-respondent's motion to strike the petition for review (and presumably the accompanying appendix) is denied. The petition and appendix were timely filed and shall remain filed in this matter. The original petition and appendix shall remain under seal, pending further order of the court; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on or before February 12, 2026, the plaintiff-respondent-petitioner shall file a corrected petition for review and appendix, in unredacted and redacted forms, that comply with the provisions of WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.62, including the length limitations in § (Rule) 809.62(4). The corrected petition and appendix shall supersede the original petition and appendix filed on October 24, 2025; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant-appellant-petitioner shall file an unredacted version of the corrected petition for review and appendix, which shall be filed and maintained under seal. The defendant-appellant-petitioner shall also file a redacted version of the corrected petition for review and appendix. The redacted versions of both the petition and the appendix shall preserve confidentiality of records relating to the victim. This means that any references to those records in the petition for review shall be redacted. In addition, any pages in the appendix that contain copies of confidential records relating to the victim shall be redacted; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if the defendant-appellant-petitioner complies with the redaction requirements set forth above, the clerk of this court shall place the redacted version of the corrected petition and appendix in the public file that is accessible to the public; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the plaintiff-respondent shall file a response to the petition within 14 days after service of the petition, in accordance with WIS. STAT. § (Rule) 809.62(3). The plaintiff-respondent's response and supplemental appendix, if any, shall also comply with the redaction requirements set forth above, including the requirement to file unredacted and redacted versions of the response and supplemental appendix, if necessary.

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Clerk of Supreme Court

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