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No. 2018AP1768-W

JAMES V. TEGELS

L.C.#1993CF931140

January 27, 2026

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

By order dated January 11, 2022, this court held the petition for review of petitioner, Dale Leroy James, Jr., in abeyance and remanded this matter to the court of appeals with instructions that the court of appeals (1) permit the respondent, Warden Lizzie Tegels, to file a response to Mr. James's September 18, 2018 petition for writ of habeas corpus; (2) permit Mr. James to file a reply in support of his petition for writ of habeas corpus; and (3) address Mr. James's unaddressed habeas claims and any potential defenses to those claims, including whether any claims or defenses have been forfeited. It appears that after further proceedings in the court of appeals, that court issued a decision on May 30, 2025. In that decision, the court of appeals (1) granted Mr. James's petition for a writ of habeas corpus; (2) as a remedy, reinstated Mr. James's postconviction and appellate rights under Wis. STAT. § (Rule) 809.30 Wis. STAT. § 974.02 in Milwaukee County Case No. 1993CF931140; (3) directed the Office of the State Public Defender to determine Mr. James's eligibility for appointed postconviction and appellate counsel and to appoint such counsel if Mr. James is eligible; and (4) established a deadline for Mr. James to file a postconviction motion or a notice of appeal. Based on this decision, there is no longer a need for Mr. James's petition for review to be held in abeyance by this court, as Mr. James has received relief from the court of appeals and he has indicated that he seeks no further relief from this court. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for review in this matter is dismissed, and the court of appeals' decision and order of May 30, 2025 shall govern this matter.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court

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