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

2023AP737-NM

In the matter of the guardianship and protective placement of C.F.:
Racine County v. C.F. (L.C. #2016GN108)

Before Lazar, J.¹

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).

C.F. appeals from an order continuing her protective placement. C.F.'s appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). C.F. received a copy of the report, was advised of her right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. After reviewing the record and counsel's report, we conclude there are

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(d) (2021-22). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2021-22 version unless otherwise noted.

no issues with arguable merit for appeal. Therefore, we summarily affirm the order. *See* RULE 809.21.

C.F. is a 69-year-old woman who has been under a protective placement order pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 55.08(1) since 2016. She suffers from a “major neurocognitive disorder secondary to alcohol use disorder,” which has resulted in a decline in her intelligence level. According to the examining psychologist, C.F. continues to engage in alcohol-seeking behavior and is incapable of caring for herself.

On June 14, 2022, Racine County petitioned for an annual review of C.F.’s protective placement. C.F., through her guardian ad litem, requested adversary counsel and a hearing. The State Public Defender appointed counsel for C.F., and the circuit court held a full due process hearing. At the conclusion of it, the court ordered C.F.’s protective placement continued for one year. This appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses the potential issues of whether the evidence was sufficient to support an order for continued protective placement and whether the annual review of C.F.’s protective placement was timely. This court is satisfied that the no-merit report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and we will not discuss them further.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal. Accordingly, this court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the order of the circuit court, and discharges appellate counsel of the obligation to represent C.F. further in this appeal.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the order of the circuit court is summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Christopher D. Sobic is relieved of further representation of C.F. in this appeal. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals