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

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2023AP1793-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Kurt A. Crossman (L.C. #2020CM303)
2023AP1794-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Kurt A. Crossman (L.C. #2019CF1102)

Before Grogan, J.<sup>1</sup>

**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).**

In these consolidated cases, Kurt A. Crossman appeals from judgments convicting him of possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor bail jumping. His appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Crossman received a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report and an

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

independent review of the Records, this court concludes there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. This court summarily affirms the judgments. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Crossman was convicted following no contest pleas to possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, and misdemeanor bail jumping. The first two charges stemmed from a traffic stop where police smelled fresh marijuana coming from Crossman's vehicle and searched it. The remaining charge stemmed from Crossman's subsequent failure to appear at a jury status hearing. For his actions, the circuit court sentenced Crossman to time served.<sup>2</sup>

Prior to entering his pleas, Crossman filed a motion to suppress the evidence found during the traffic stop. After an evidentiary hearing on the matter, the circuit court denied the motion. The court found that the search of the vehicle, which included a container found inside it, was lawful.

Also prior to entering his pleas, Crossman repeatedly clashed with his appointed attorneys and asked to represent himself. The circuit court eventually found that Crossman had forfeited the right to counsel through his actions. Nevertheless, it later allowed him to be represented by counsel during the plea hearing and sentencing.

The no-merit report addresses: (1) whether the circuit court erred in denying the motion to suppress; (2) whether Crossman could appeal the court's rulings on his requests to represent himself or the finding that he forfeited the right to counsel; (3) whether Crossman's pleas were knowing, voluntary, and intelligent; and (4) whether a basis exists to seek sentencing relief. This

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<sup>2</sup> At the time of sentencing, Crossman had nearly fourteen months of sentence credit in his cases.

court is satisfied that the no-merit report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and this court will not discuss them further.

Our review of the Records discloses no other potential issues for appeal.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, this court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the judgments of conviction, and discharges appellate counsel of the obligation to represent Crossman further in these appeals.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Dustin C. Haskell is relieved of further representation of Kurt A. Crossman in these appeals. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

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*Samuel A. Christensen*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*

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<sup>3</sup> This court notes that Crossman's pleas forfeited the right to raise other nonjurisdictional defects and defenses, including claimed violations of constitutional rights. *See State v. Kelty*, 2006 WI 101, ¶18 & n.11, 294 Wis. 2d 62, 716 N.W.2d 886; *see also State v. Lasky*, 2002 WI App 126, ¶11, 254 Wis. 2d 789, 646 N.W.2d 53.