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

2013AP1987-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to Riley J. C., a person under the age of 18: Kenosha County Department of Human Services v. Derrick J. C. (L.C. #2013TP11)
2013AP1988-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to Logan M. C., a person under the age of 18: Kenosha County Department of Human Services v. Derrick J. C. (L.C. #2013TP12)

Before Higginbotham, J.¹

Attorney Dennis Schertz, appointed counsel for Derrick J. C., has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 809.107(5m). Counsel provided Derrick with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised him of his right to file a response. Derrick has not responded. We conclude that these cases are appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. After our independent review of the records, we conclude there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

Although these cases were commenced as involuntary terminations under WIS. STAT. § 48.415, Derrick eventually consented to voluntary terminations under WIS. STAT. § 48.41. The court appears to have complied with the requirements of § 48.41 for accepting a voluntary consent.

After Derrick's consent, the circuit court proceeded to the disposition phase under WIS. STAT. § 48.427. The court heard testimony from a social worker, who also filed a report. The court then considered the appropriate factors under WIS. STAT. § 48.426, and reached a reasonable decision. There is no arguable merit to a claim that the court erroneously exercised its discretion in disposition.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(e) (2011-12). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2011-12 version unless otherwise noted.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the order terminating parental rights is summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Schertz is relieved of further representation of Derrick J. C. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

Diane M. Fremgen
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