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

2012AP1152-CR

State of Wisconsin v. Michael Angel Moreno, Jr. (L.C. # 2011CF3749)

Before Lundsten, Sherman and Kloppenburg, JJ.

Michael Moreno appeals a judgment of conviction. Based on our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2011-12). We affirm.

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2011-12 version unless otherwise noted.

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Moreno moved to suppress evidence that was found on his person after arrest. He argues

that police lacked probable cause for the arrest. The facts and applicable legal standards are not

disputed. The circuit court held that probable cause for Moreno's arrest existed once the police

found cocaine in the vehicle of the person Moreno appeared to be associating with in the alley at

that time. More specifically, the court held that there was probable cause to arrest Moreno for

possession of the cocaine that was in the other person's vehicle.

Moreno argues that the circuit court erred because the connection between Moreno and

the cocaine in the other vehicle was weak. Based on the totality of circumstances, we disagree.

The particularly relevant facts, as found by the court, were that Moreno and the vehicles were in

an alley in a high crime area; Moreno and the other man appeared nervous; a third man who had

been approaching them turned and departed upon seeing police; Moreno was found to be

carrying a wad of cash approximately three inches thick and containing mostly twenty dollar

bills; and drug dealers often work together with one carrying the money and the other drugs.

This is sufficient to establish probable cause for arrest for possession of the cocaine as an aider

and abettor under WIS. STAT. § 939.05(2)(b).

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment appealed from is summarily affirmed under Wis.

STAT. RULE 809.21.

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