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

2014AP1185-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to Brandon W. and
2014AP1186-NM	Dashaun C.: State of Wisconsin v. Lacole C. (L.C. #2013TP51; 2013TP52)

Before Sherman, J.

Attorney John Grau, appointed counsel for Lacole C., has filed a no-merit report pursuant to Wis. STAT. § 809.107(5m) (2011-12).¹ Counsel provided Lacole with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised her of her right to file a response. Lacole has not responded.

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

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.

Lacole stipulated that a ground for termination exists as to both children, specifically, on the ground of continuing CHIPS under WIS. STAT. § 48.415(2). The circuit court's colloquy in accepting that stipulation complied with necessary requirements. The record shows no reason to believe there is arguable merit to an argument that her stipulation was not knowing, voluntary, and intelligent. In addition, the court heard the required testimony to establish the elements of that ground.

The court later proceeded to the disposition phase under WIS. STAT. § 48.427. The court heard testimony from several witnesses familiar with Lacole and the children, and also received a report. The court then considered the appropriate factors under WIS. STAT. § 48.426, and reached a reasonable decision to terminate Lacole's parental rights. 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.

Therefore,

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

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

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Clerk of Court of Appeals