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

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2014AP1842-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven M. Chavez (L.C. # 2013CF218)
2014AP1843-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven M. Chavez (L.C. # 2013CF254)
2014AP1844-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven M. Chavez (L.C. # 2013CF280)
2014AP1845-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. Steven M. Chavez (L.C. # 2013CF364)

Before Neubauer, C.J., Reilly, P.J., and Gundrum, J.

In these consolidated matters, Steven M. Chavez's appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2013-14),<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). During this court's independent review, we observed potential issues of arguable merit concerning the plea-taking procedures in this case. We directed appellate counsel to consult with

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<sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2013-14 version unless otherwise noted.

Chavez and to file a supplemental no-merit report either: (1) concluding that there is no arguable merit to these possible issues; (2) submitting a written statement from Chavez indicating that he wishes to waive any challenge to his pleas on the identified grounds and understands the consequences of his waiver; or (3) requesting that we dismiss these appeals in favor of an extension of the time to file a postconviction motion for plea withdrawal in the trial court. In response, appellate counsel moves for dismissal of the appeals in favor of an extension of the time to file a postconviction motion.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, the no-merit report is rejected and the appeals are dismissed with an extension of time for filing a postconviction motion.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected and Attorney Linda J. Schaefer's motion to be relieved of further representation of Steven M. Chavez is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these no-merit appeals are dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing a postconviction motion under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.30(2)(h) is extended to November 16, 2015.

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*Diane M. Fremgen*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*

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<sup>2</sup> On September 10, 2015, we received a letter from the appellant indicating his desire to dismiss the appeals in favor of a postconviction motion. By order entered September 24, 2015, we directed the appellant to communicate with appellate counsel and advised that we would take no further action on his letter.