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

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2015AP1684-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Antonio L. Bell (L.C. #2011CF3688)

Before Curley, P.J.

By order dated February 17, 2016, this court directed Attorney Dustin C. Haskell, appellate counsel for Antonio L. Bell, to file a supplemental no-merit report and to take some additional steps in regard to this matter. Attorney Haskell now advises that, in his view, the no-merit appeal should be dismissed to permit Bell to pursue a supplemental postconviction motion.

Counsel therefore seeks voluntary dismissal of the no-merit appeal and an extension for filing a postconviction motion until forty days after remittitur. A no-merit proceeding is appropriate only if counsel is convinced that an appeal would be wholly frivolous. *McCoy v. Court of Appeals*, 486 U.S. 429, 437 (1988). Accordingly, the court will grant relief. In the interest of judicial efficiency, the court will extend Bell's deadline through a date certain.

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected and this appeal is dismissed without prejudice.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for filing a supplemental postconviction motion or a notice of appeal is extended through May 17, 2016. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.82(2)(a) (2013-14).

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<sup>1</sup> The court observes that record item R.12 appears unrelated to this matter. Upon remittitur, the clerk of circuit court should determine whether R. 12 is misfiled in the instant record.