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

2017AP561-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to C.E.E. Jr., a person under the age of 18: State of Wisconsin v. C.E., Sr. (L.C. # 2014TP218)
2017AP562-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to N.R.E., a person under the age of 18: State of Wisconsin v. C.E., Sr. (L.C. # 2014TP219)
2017AP563-NM	In re the termination of parental rights to C.E., a person under the age of 18: State of Wisconsin v. C.E., Sr. (L.C. # 2014TP220)

Before Lundsten, J.¹

Attorney Steven Zaleski, appointed counsel for C.E. Sr., has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.107(5m). Counsel provided C.E. Sr. with a copy of the report, and both counsel and this court advised him of his right to file a response. C.E. Sr. has not responded. After our independent review of the records, we conclude that there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

C.E. Sr. pled no contest to the continuing CHIPS ground for termination of parental rights (TPR). *See* WIS. STAT. § 48.415(2). The court held a contested disposition hearing, and issued a decision by letter concluding that termination was in the best interests of the children.

The no-merit report addresses whether the circuit court adhered to relevant statutory deadlines. As noted in the report, the court does not lose jurisdiction or competency by failing to do so. *See* WIS. STAT. § 48.315(3). And, in this case, it also appears that the court granted continuances for good cause as necessary. *See* § 48.315(2). There is no arguable merit to this issue.

The no-merit report addresses whether the court acted properly in accepting C.E. Sr.'s no-contest plea. The record shows that the court satisfied the necessary requirements for a TPR no-contest plea. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2) (2015-16). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

The no-merit report addresses whether the court erred in reaching its disposition. The record shows that the court considered the proper factors, did not consider improper factors, and reached a reasonable result. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

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

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the orders terminating C.E. Sr.'s parental rights are summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Steven Zaleski is relieved of further representation of C.E. Sr. in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published and may not be cited except as provided under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).

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Clerk of Court of Appeals