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

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2017AP1176-NM      In the matter of the mental commitment of C.C.S.:  
Waukesha County v. C.C.S. (L.C. #2014ME25)

Before Reilly, P.J.<sup>1</sup>

**Summary disposition orders may not be cited in any court of this state as precedent or authority, except for the limited purposes specified in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.23(3).**

In this WIS. STAT. ch. 51 case, C.C.S. appeals from an order authorizing the involuntary administration of medication and treatment. C.C.S.'s appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). C.C.S.

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<sup>1</sup> This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(d) (2015-16). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version.

received a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report, we summarily affirm the order because the expiration of it and a subsequent order render the appeal moot. *See* RULE 809.21.

C.C.S. was first committed for treatment on January 21, 2014. His commitment was extended multiple times. The current appeal is from an October 18, 2016 order for involuntary medication and treatment. The order expired on June 22, 2017. Before that expiration, the circuit court entered a new order, extending both the commitment and involuntary administration of medication and treatment.

The no-merit report addresses whether there was sufficient evidence to support the October 18, 2016 order for involuntary medication and treatment. The report concludes that there was, citing the testimony of C.C.S.'s treating physician. The report also notes that any challenge to the order would now be moot, as the order has expired and a new order has been entered.

We have not conducted a review of the record because even if issues of arguable merit exist for an appeal, the appeal is moot. "An issue is moot when its resolution will have no practical effect on the underlying controversy." *State ex rel. Olson v. Litscher*, 2000 WI App 61, ¶3, 233 Wis. 2d 685, 608 N.W.2d 425. This court does not generally consider moot issues. *Id.*

C.C.S. is no longer subject to the October 18, 2016 order for involuntary medication and treatment, and an appellate ruling will have no practical effect on him. Moreover, his current order for involuntary medication and treatment is not under appeal. Thus, even if the

October 18, 2016 order were reversed, C.C.S. would still be subject to an order for involuntary medication and treatment.

Because any potential appellate issues are moot, there are no arguable issues for appeal. For that reason, we may relieve appointed counsel of the duty of representation under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the order of the circuit court is summarily affirmed pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Megan Sanders-Drazen is relieved of further representation of C.C.S. in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

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*Clerk of Court of Appeals*