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To:

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

2017AP557

Debra Barth v. James Edward Grant (L.C. # 2016CV352)

Before Lundsten, P.J., Kloppenburg and Fitzpatrick, JJ.

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).

James Grant appeals a circuit court order denying his motion for free transcripts and attempts to appeal other circuit court orders. *See generally State ex rel. Girouard v. Circuit Ct. for Jackson Cty.*, 155 Wis. 2d 148, 454 N.W.2d 792 (1990). Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2015-16).¹ We summarily affirm.

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

Grant's brief contains numerous complaints about the circuit court proceedings and about the respondent in this matter. The brief fails, however, to develop coherent arguments that apply relevant legal authority to the facts of record and, instead, relies largely on conclusory assertions. "A party must do more than simply toss a bunch of concepts into the air with the hope that either the trial court or the opposing party will arrange them into viable and fact-supported legal theories." *State v. Jackson*, 229 Wis.2d 328, 337, 600 N.W.2d 39 (Ct. App. 1999). Consequently, this court need not consider arguments that either are unsupported by adequate factual and legal citations or are otherwise undeveloped. See *Dieck v. Unified Sch. Dist. of Antigo*, 157 Wis.2d 134, 148, n.9, 458 N.W.2d 565 (Ct. App. 1990) (unsupported factual assertions); *State v. Pettit*, 171 Wis.2d 627, 646-47, 492 N.W.2d 633 (Ct. App. 1992) (undeveloped legal arguments). While we make some allowances for the failings of parties who, as here, are not represented by counsel, "[w]e cannot serve as both advocate and judge," *Pettit*, 171 Wis.2d at 647, and will not scour the record to develop arguments for an appellant, *Jackson*, 229 Wis.2d at 337. Here, Grant has failed to develop his arguments legally or to support them factually and, in sum, fails to demonstrate that the circuit court denied his motion for transcripts in error or that the circuit court otherwise erred. Accordingly, we affirm the circuit court order on that basis.

IT IS ORDERED that the order is summarily affirmed under WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21(1).

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

Diane M. Fremgen
Acting Clerk of Court of Appeals