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

2017AP1537-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Christopher E. Watkins (L.C. # 2015CF247)

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

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).

Christopher E. Watkins appeals from a judgment of conviction for being a party to the crime of substantial battery. Watkins' appointed appellate counsel has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2015-16),¹ and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967).

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

A February 5, 2018 order required appointed counsel to file a supplemental no-merit report addressing whether there was arguable merit to a claim that Watkins' plea was knowingly and voluntarily entered.² In response, appointed counsel moves for dismissal of the appeal so that he may file a postconviction motion. Consequently, the no-merit report is rejected and the appeal is 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 Jeffrey A. Mann's motion to be relieved of further representation of Christopher E. Watkins is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the no-merit appeal is 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 May 16, 2018. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.82(2)(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Court of Appeals

² The appellate record fails to evidence Watkins' knowledge and understanding of the elements of the offense. Although the plea questionnaire has a check mark by the box indicating that the elements of the offense are on an attached sheet, no sheet is attached to the plea questionnaire included in the record.