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

2018AP226-NM

In the matter of the mental commitment of L.F.-G. Winnebago
County v. L.F.-G. (L.C. #2017ME216)

Before Gundrum, J.¹

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, L.F.-G. appeals from an order extending her commitment due to mental illness for twelve months and from an order authorizing the involuntary administration of medication and treatment. L.F.-G.'s appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). L.F.-G.

¹ 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 her right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. After reviewing the record and counsel's report, we conclude that there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. Therefore, we summarily affirm the orders. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

The no-merit report addresses whether there was sufficient evidence to support the twelve-month extension of L.F.-G.'s commitment. We agree with appellate counsel that this issue does not have arguable merit for appeal. The medical evidence adduced at the extension hearing and the circuit court's findings satisfied the statutory factors for extending a commitment. *See* WIS. STAT. § 51.20(1)(a), (1)(am). The court determined that L.F.-G. suffers from a mental illness, is a proper subject for treatment, and, if treatment were withdrawn, L.F.-G. would become a proper subject for commitment.

The evidence and the circuit court's findings were also sufficient to require involuntary medication and treatment. *See* WIS. STAT. § 51.61(1)(g)3., (g)4. The court determined that L.F.-G. was not competent to refuse medication. No issue with arguable merit is present.

The no-merit report further addresses whether the WIS. STAT. ch. 51 time limits were observed. We agree with appellate counsel that no issue with arguable merit is present.

Our independent review of the record does not disclose any potentially meritorious issue for appeal. Because we conclude that there would be no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal, we accept the no-merit report and relieve Attorney Diane C. Lowe of further representation of L.F.-G. in this matter.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Diane C. Lowe is relieved of further representation of L.F.-G. in this matter.

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

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Court of Appeals