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## **DISTRICT III**

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

2017AP700-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Steven J. Ranta (L.C. # 2015CM207) 2017AP701-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Steven J. Ranta (L.C. # 2015CF150) 2017AP702-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Steven J. Ranta (L.C. # 2016CF4)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz and Seidl, 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).

Counsel for Steven Ranta filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32,<sup>1</sup> concluding there would be no arguable merit to any possible issues that could be raised by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2015-16 version unless otherwise noted.

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postconviction motion or appeal. Ranta filed a response intimating he may have been sentenced

on the basis of inaccurate information. Specifically, Ranta asserted that the circuit court

considered Ranta's past conviction for second-degree sexual assault of a child at sentencing

when, in fact, Ranta was convicted of attempted second-degree sexual assault of a child, not the

completed crime. Noting that defendants have a due process right to be sentenced on the basis of

accurate information, see State v. Johnson, 158 Wis. 2d 458, 468, 463 N.W.2d 352 (Ct. App.

1990), we directed counsel to either (1) file a supplemental no-merit report explaining why it

would be wholly frivolous to pursue this potential issue; or (2) move to voluntarily dismiss the

matter and to extend the time for filing a postconviction motion.

Counsel has now informed this court that after conferring with her client, she has

determined there is an issue of arguable merit in this case. Ranta, by counsel, therefore moves to

voluntarily dismiss this appeal and to extend the time for filing a postconviction motion.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected and the appeal is dismissed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing a postconviction motion is extended

to thirty days from the date of remittitur.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Sheila T. Reiff

Clerk of Court of Appeals

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