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

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2019AP1158-NM      Waukesha County v. M.L.M. (L.C. #2018ME177)

Before Gundrum, 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, M.L.M. appeals from an order extending his commitment due to mental illness for twelve months and from an order authorizing the involuntary administration of medication and treatment. M.L.M.'s appellate counsel filed a no-merit report

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<sup>1</sup> This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(d) (2017-18). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2017-18 version.

pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). M.L.M. filed a response. After reviewing the record, counsel's report, and M.L.M.'s response, 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 M.L.M.'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). The court determined that M.L.M. was mentally ill, dangerous, and a proper subject for treatment.

The evidence and the circuit court's findings were also sufficient to require involuntary medication and treatment. *See* WIS. STAT. § 51.61(1)(g)4. The court determined that M.L.M. 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.

As noted, M.L.M. filed a response to the no-merit report. In it, he asks us to reconsider the orders in light of his acceptance of responsibility for his actions and pledge to maintain a sober/healthy lifestyle. Although M.L.M.'s words are encouraging, we are not persuaded that they present an issue of arguable merit.

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 Leonard D. Kachinsky of further representation of M.L.M. 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 Leonard D. Kachinsky is relieved of further representation of M.L.M. in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

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*Sheila T. Reiff*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*