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

2017AP853-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Ronald Henry Griffin (L.C. # 2013CF5083)

Before Brash, P.J., Kessler and Dugan, 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).

Ronald Henry Griffin, by Attorney Hans P. Koesser, is pursuing an appeal under the no-merit procedures set forth in WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2017-18).¹ On October 18, 2019, we held the appeal in abeyance after Griffin filed a motion to discharge Attorney Koesser and proceed *pro se*. In response to this court's inquiry, Griffin filed a document reflecting that he understands the risks of proceeding *pro se* and is capable of representing himself. His submission further reflects his understanding that appointment of successor counsel in the future is highly unlikely. Accordingly, the court will grant Griffin's motion to discharge Attorney Koesser and proceed *pro se*. The court assumes that Attorney Koesser will close his file in accordance with his obligations upon termination of representation. *See* SCR 20:1.16(d) (governing an attorney's obligations upon termination of representation and requiring the delivery of papers to which the client is entitled).

Griffin also moves this court to dismiss the no-merit appeal and extend the deadline for filing a postconviction motion. The court will grant that relief as well.

IT IS ORDERED that Attorney Hans P. Koesser is discharged as Griffin's counsel and relieved from any further representation of Griffin in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hold in this matter is lifted, the no-merit report filed in this matter is rejected, and the instant no-merit appeal is dismissed without prejudice.

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2017-18 version unless otherwise noted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for Griffin to file a postconviction motion or notice of appeal is extended through the date sixty days after remittitur. *See* WIS. STAT. RULES 809.30(2)(h), 809.82(2)(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the public defender's report dated October 25, 2019, is accepted as filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Court of Appeals