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

2017AP1499-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. William M. Torres (L.C. # 2008CF228)
2017AP1500-CRNM	State of Wisconsin v. William M. Torres (L.C. # 2014CF969)

Before Kessler, Dugan and Donald, JJ.

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William M. Torres appeals a judgment in a case convicting him after a jury trial of one count of repeated sexual assault of the same child and one count of exposing a child to harmful materials. He also appeals a judgment in another case convicting him of one count of felony bail jumping after a guilty plea to that charge. Attorney Erica L. Bauer, who was appointed to represent Torres, filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as appellate counsel. *See Wis.*

STAT. RULE 809.32 (2017-18),¹ and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967). Torres was advised of his right to respond, but he has not responded. After considering the no-merit report and conducting an independent review of the records, we conclude there are no issues of arguable merit that Torres could raise in these appeals.² Therefore, we summarily affirm. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Counsel's no-merit report is exemplary. It thoroughly discusses every aspect of the circuit court proceedings in both cases, delving in depth into the facts and law to address any potential appellate issues. The no-merit report reviews the proceedings in chronological order. Among other things, it discusses the initial appearances, the criminal complaints, a search warrant issued in one of the cases, the arraignments, the preliminary hearings, a motion to dismiss filed by Torres, the State's motion to admit other acts evidence, objections made during trial, Torres's decision not to testify, the plea colloquy in the bail jumping case, and the adequacy of trial counsel's representation.

The no-merit report also addresses in detail the sentences imposed on Torres. The circuit court sentenced Torres to fourteen years of imprisonment for repeated sexual assault of a child, with ten years of initial confinement and four years of extended supervision, two years of imprisonment for exposing a child to harmful materials, with one year of initial confinement and one year of extended supervision, and two years and four months of imprisonment for bail jumping, with sixteen months of initial confinement and twelve months of extended supervision,

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

² Although these cases were decided separately before the circuit court, they have been consolidated on appeal.

all to be served consecutively. We agree with the no-merit report's analysis of all of these issues and its conclusion that there are no arguably meritorious grounds for appeal.

We also have considered whether there would be any arguable merit to a claim that the evidence was insufficient to support the verdicts for the two crimes. We view the evidence in the light most favorable to the verdict, and if more than one inference can be drawn from the evidence, we accept the inference drawn by the jury. *See State v. Poellinger*, 153 Wis. 2d 493, 504, 451 N.W.2d 752 (1990). The verdict will be overturned only if no trier of fact, acting reasonably, could have found guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, viewing the evidence most favorably to the conviction. *See State v. Alles*, 106 Wis. 2d 368, 376-77, 316 N.W.2d 378 (1982). Based on our review of the trial transcripts and other evidence, we conclude that there was sufficient evidence to convict Torres of the crimes.

Our independent review of the record reveals no arguable basis for reversing the judgments of conviction. Therefore, we affirm the judgments and relieve Attorney Erica L. Bauer from further representing Torres.

IT IS ORDERED that the judgments of the circuit court are summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Erica L. Bauer is relieved of any further representation of William M. Torres in these matters. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Court of Appeals