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

2019AP2039-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Vance A.G. Blevins

(L.C. #2018CF63)

2019AP2040-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Vance A.G. Blevins

(L.C. #2018CF265)

Before Neubauer, C.J., Gundrum and Davis, 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).

In these consolidated cases, Vance A.G. Blevins appeals from judgments convicting him of armed robbery with threat of force and misappropriation of personal identifying information as party to a crime. His appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to Wis. Stat. Rule 809.32 (2017-18)<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Blevins received a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report and an independent review of the records, we conclude that the judgments may be summarily affirmed because there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. *See* Wis. Stat. Rule 809.21.

Blevins was convicted following no contest pleas to armed robbery with threat of force and misappropriation of personal identifying information as party to a crime. The first charge stemmed from Blevins' robbery of a bar patron with a facsimile gun. The second charge stemmed from his girlfriend's use of his deceased mother's credit card to post bond for him. Several additional charges were dismissed and read in. For his actions, the circuit court imposed an aggregate sentence of eight years of initial confinement and eight years of extended supervision.

The no-merit report addresses potential issues of whether Blevins' pleas were knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently entered and had a factual basis, and whether the circuit court properly exercised its discretion at sentencing. This court is satisfied that the no-merit report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and this court will not discuss them further.

<sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2017-18 version.

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Our review of the records discloses no other potential issues for appeal.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly,

this court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the judgments of conviction, and discharges

appellate counsel of the obligation to represent Blevins further in these appeals.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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 Lauren Jane Breckenfelder is relieved of

further representation of Vance A.G. Blevins in these appeals. 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

<sup>2</sup> The circuit court failed to provide the deportation warning required by WIS. STAT. § 971.08(1)(c). This failure does not present a potentially meritorious issue for appeal, however, as there is no indication that Blevins' pleas are likely to result in his deportation, exclusion from admission to this

country, or denial of naturalization.

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