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

2019AP1039-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Paul R. Bray (L.C. # 16CF123)

Before Fitzpatrick, P.J., Kloppenburg, and Graham, 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).

Attorney Thomas Aquino, appointed counsel for Paul Bray, has filed a no-merit report seeking to withdraw as appellate counsel pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2017-18)¹ and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Bray was sent a copy of the report and has not filed

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

a response. Upon consideration of the report and an independent review of the record, we conclude there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

Bray was charged with five sexual assault crimes involving four different children. The parties entered into a plea agreement under which Bray pled guilty to one charge of repeated sexual assault of a child, with the remaining charges dismissed and read in, and with the State further agreeing not to charge an additional potential offense. The circuit court accepted Bray's guilty plea to the single charge and sentenced Bray to a twenty-five year term of imprisonment consisting of fourteen years of initial confinement and eleven years of extended supervision.

The no-merit report addresses whether Bray's guilty plea was knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; whether there was a factual basis for the plea; and whether the circuit court erroneously exercised its discretion at sentencing. We are satisfied that the report properly analyzes each of these issues as having no arguable merit.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of conviction is summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Thomas Aquino is relieved of any further representation of Paul Bray in this matter. *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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.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