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

2021AP812-CRNM

State of Wisconsin v. Shafia M. Jones (L.C.#2017CF581)

Before Gundrum, P.J., Neubauer and Grogan, 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).

Shafia M. Jones appeals from a judgment convicting her of battery by a prisoner. Her appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2019-20)¹ and Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Jones received a copy of the report, was advised of her right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report and an

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2019-20 version unless otherwise noted.

independent review of the record, we conclude that the judgment may be summarily affirmed because there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Jones was convicted following a no contest plea to battery by a prisoner. She was accused of attacking her cellmate with a pencil. The circuit court sentenced Jones to one year of initial confinement and three months of extended supervision. This no-merit appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses whether Jones' plea was knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently entered 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.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.² Accordingly, this court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the judgment of conviction, and discharges appellate counsel of the obligation to represent Jones further in this appeal.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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

² The day after sentencing, Jones filed a pro se motion seeking to withdraw her plea. However, she did not litigate the issue further. At any rate, the basis of the motion—that Jones' trial counsel allegedly coerced her into pleading and promised that she would receive probation—is belied by the record. During the plea colloquy, the circuit court specifically asked Jones, "Anybody make any promises, side agreements, or even threats to force you or make you plead no contest to the amended charge?" Jones replied, "No, Your Honor."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Patricia Sommer is relieved of further representation of Shafia M. Jones in this appeal. *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