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

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2020AP1604-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Amber C. Stevenson (L.C. #2017CF577)

Before Gundrum, P.J., Neubauer and Kornblum, 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).**

Amber C. Stevenson appeals from a judgment convicting her of neglecting a child (resulting in death) contrary to WIS. STAT. § 948.21(1)(d) (2017-18). Stevenson's appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2019-20)<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Stevenson received a copy of the report and was advised of her right to file a response. She has not done so. Upon consideration of the report and an

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

independent review of the record as mandated by *Anders* and RULE 809.32, we summarily affirm the judgment because there are no issues that would have arguable merit for appeal. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

The no-merit report addresses the following possible appellate issues: (1) whether Stevenson’s no contest plea was knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently entered; and (2) whether the circuit court misused its sentencing discretion. After reviewing the record, we conclude that counsel’s no-merit report properly analyzes these issues and correctly determines that these issues lack arguable merit.

The plea colloquy complied with *State v. Hoppe*, 2009 WI 41, ¶18, 317 Wis. 2d 161, 765 N.W.2d 794. A “no contest plea waives all nonjurisdictional defects and defenses.” *State v. Lasky*, 2002 WI App 126, ¶11, 254 Wis. 2d 789, 646 N.W.2d 53. Any challenge to the entry of Stevenson’s no contest plea would lack arguable merit for appeal.

The circuit court withheld sentence and imposed ten years of probation with six months in jail. The circuit court engaged in a proper exercise of sentencing discretion after considering various sentencing factors. *State v. Gallion*, 2004 WI 42, ¶76, 270 Wis. 2d 535, 678 N.W.2d 197 (we review the sentence for a misuse of discretion); *State v. Ziegler*, 2006 WI App 49, ¶23, 289 Wis. 2d 594, 712 N.W.2d 76 (sentencing objectives and factors discussed).

In addition to the issues discussed above, we have independently reviewed the record. Our independent review of the record did not disclose any arguably meritorious issue for appeal. Because we conclude that there would be no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal, we accept the no-merit report, affirm the judgment of conviction and relieve Attorney Ellen Krahn of further representation of Stevenson in this matter.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Ellen J. Krahn is relieved of further representation of Amber C. Stevenson in this matter.

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

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*Sheila T. Reiff*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*