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

2020AP150-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Wa Chang 2020AP151-CRNM (L. C. Nos. 2018CF787, 2018CF963)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz 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).

Counsel for Wa Chang has filed a no-merit report concluding no grounds exist to challenge Chang's convictions for four drug-related offenses arising from two circuit court cases. Chang was informed of his right to file a response to the no-merit report, and he has not responded. Upon our independent review of the records as mandated by *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967),

we conclude there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal. Therefore, the judgments of conviction are summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2019-20).¹

In Outagamie County case No. 2018CF787, the State charged Chang with delivering three grams or less of methamphetamine; delivering between three and ten grams of methamphetamine; and two counts of delivering ten to fifty grams of methamphetamine, with one of the latter two counts as party to a crime. In Outagamie County case No. 2018CF963, the State charged Chang with one count of possession with intent to deliver between three and ten grams of methamphetamine and two counts of felony bail jumping.

In exchange for Chang's no-contest pleas to three counts of delivering methamphetamine in case No. 2018CF787 and the possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine count from case No. 2018CF963, the State agreed to recommend that the circuit court dismiss and read in the remaining counts. The parties remained free to argue at sentencing. Out of a maximum possible sentence of sixty-seven and one-half years, the court imposed concurrent sentences resulting an aggregate sixteen-year term, consisting of eight years' initial confinement and eight years' extended supervision.

The no-merit report addresses whether Chang knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily entered his no-contest pleas and whether the circuit court properly exercised its sentencing discretion. Upon reviewing the records, we agree with counsel's analysis and conclusion that there is no arguable merit to these issues. We note that at the plea hearing, defense counsel acknowledged that she mistakenly wrote the incorrect maximum sentence to which Chang was

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

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exposed on the plea form. The court, however, confirmed Chang's understanding of the correct

maximum penalties for the offenses charged before accepting his pleas. The no-merit report

otherwise sets forth an adequate discussion of the potential issues to support the no-merit

conclusion, and we need not address them further.

Our independent review of the records discloses no other potential issue for appeal.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgments are summarily affirmed. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Timothy T. O'Connell is relieved of his

obligation to further represent Wa Chang 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

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