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

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2020AP381-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Michael S. George (L. C. No. 2018CF61)

Before Stark, P.J., Hruz and Gill, 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 Michael George has filed a no-merit report concluding that no grounds exist to challenge George's conviction for hit-and-run resulting in death. George 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 record 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, we summarily affirm the judgment of conviction. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2019-20).<sup>1</sup>

The State charged George with hit-and-run, resulting in the death of Lisa Anne Allen. The complaint alleged that a witness saw a blue Saturn strike a female pedestrian in the City of Amery. The witness called 9-1-1 and reported the suspect vehicle's license plate number. When law enforcement arrived at the scene, the witness informed the responding officer that the vehicle's driver exited his vehicle, removed the victim's purse and scarf from the hood of his vehicle, and handed them to the witness, assuring her that he would return to the scene. Law enforcement learned that the vehicle was registered to George.

In exchange for George's no-contest plea to the single count, as charged, the State agreed to recommend no more than eight years' initial confinement, concurrent to any sentence George was then serving, with no agreement on extended supervision. Out of a maximum twenty-five-year sentence, the circuit court imposed a fifteen-year sentence consisting of eight years' initial confinement followed by seven years' extended supervision, to run consecutively to George's sentence in Eau Claire County case No. 2012CF669. The court also gave George sixty-nine days of sentence credit, representing the time from his February 9, 2018 arrest to his April 18, 2018 release on a signature bond. A corrections sentencing associate subsequently informed the court that George received credit in Eau Claire County case Nos. 2012CF846 and 2012CF669 for his time in custody from February 10, 2018, through his return to prison following the revocation of extended supervision in those cases. An amended judgment of

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

conviction reduced George's sixty-nine days of sentence credit originally awarded because all but one of the days constituted duplicate credit under *State v. Boettcher*, 144 Wis. 2d 86, 423 N.W.2d 533 (1988). A second amended judgment of conviction was issued to reflect George's eligibility for the substance abuse program.

The no-merit report addresses whether George knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily entered his no-contest plea, and whether the circuit court properly exercised its sentencing discretion. Upon reviewing the record, we agree with counsel's description, analysis, and conclusion that neither of these issues has arguable merit. 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 record discloses no other potential issue for appeal.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment is summarily affirmed. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Jeremy A. Newman is relieved of his obligation to further represent Michael George in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

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