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

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2019AP2311-CRNM     State of Wisconsin v. Bridget L. Towne (L. C. No. 2018CF267)

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 Bridget Towne has filed a no-merit report concluding no grounds exist to challenge either Towne's conviction for conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine in an amount less than or equal to three grams, a Class F felony, or the circuit court's order denying Towne's postconviction motion for sentencing relief. Towne was informed of her right to file a response to the no-merit report and 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 and the order denying postconviction relief. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2019-20).<sup>1</sup>

The State charged Towne with four felony offenses related to the manufacture of methamphetamine. As part of a negotiated settlement, Towne pled no contest to Count 1, and the remaining three counts, along with a separate misdemeanor case, were dismissed but read in. The State agreed to recommend three years' initial confinement followed by three years' extended supervision to run concurrent with any other sentence Towne was then serving. The defense remained free to argue. After Towne entered her no-contest plea, the matter proceeded directly to sentencing, and the circuit court imposed a bifurcated sentence totaling six years, with two years' initial confinement followed by four years' extended supervision.

Towne's postconviction counsel filed a sentence modification motion arguing that Towne's sentence was "excessive" and was disparate from the sentences of her co-defendants. After reviewing both parties' written briefs, the circuit court entered a five-page written order declining to modify Towne's sentence. This no-merit appeal follows.

Appointed counsel's no-merit report addresses whether Towne knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily entered her no-contest plea; whether there is a factual basis supporting the conviction; whether the circuit court properly exercised its sentencing discretion; whether Towne was denied the right to effective assistance of trial counsel; and whether there are any grounds to challenge the court's denial of Towne's postconviction motion for sentencing relief. Upon reviewing the record, we agree with counsel's description, analysis and conclusion that none of

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

these issues has arguable merit. The no-merit report 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 and order are summarily affirmed. WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Mark A. Schoenfeldt is relieved of his obligation to further represent Bridget Towne in this appeal. *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*