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

2023AP235-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Jennifer D. Lee (L.C. #2020CF1495) 2023AP236-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Jennifer D. Lee (L.C. #2021CF1155) 2023AP237-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Jennifer D. Lee (L.C. #2021CF1350)

Before Grogan, J.¹

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).

In these consolidated matters, Jennifer D. Lee appeals judgments of conviction for four counts of disorderly conduct and one count of resisting an officer. Lee's appointed appellate counsel has filed a no-merit report pursuant to Wis. STAT. Rule 809.32 and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967). Lee was advised of her right to file a response to the

¹ This appeal is decided by one judge pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 752.31(2)(f) (2021-22). All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2021-22 version unless otherwise noted.

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no-merit report, but she has not done so. Upon consideration of the no-merit report and an

independent review of the appellate Records as mandated by Anders, we conclude that there is

no issue of arguable merit that could be raised on appeal. We therefore summarily affirm the

judgments. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

In Kenosha County Case No. 2020CF1495, the State charged Lee with one count of

strangulation and suffocation, one count of battery, two counts of disorderly conduct, and one

count of resisting an officer. According to the Complaint, on December 22, 2020, R.W. reported

to police that Lee had become angry with him, pulled his hair, and then put both of her hands

around his neck and applied pressure, making it difficult for him to breathe. When officers made

contact with Lee at her residence and attempted to arrest her, Lee refused to comply with the

officers' commands and actively resisted their attempts to place her under arrest. Lee was

ultimately transported to a hospital, where she "screamed and shouted," grabbed cords from

medical equipment and wrapped them around her neck, repeatedly threatened to commit suicide,

intentionally twisted her wrists in her handcuffs to cut off blood flow, and swore at an officer.

Lee was released on bond in Case No. 2020CF1495. Among other things, her bond

conditions required her not to possess or consume alcohol and not to commit any crimes.

The State later charged Lee with one count of disorderly conduct and one count of felony

bail jumping in Kenosha County Case No. 2021CF1155. The Complaint alleged that on

September 12, 2021, while Lee was released on bond in Case No. 2020CF1495, officers were

dispatched to her home for a "trouble call" and found her lying on the floor. An officer noticed

scratches on Lee's arms and chest and requested medical services, but Lee refused treatment.

Lee then yelled "Fuck You KPD" and began to yell additional "degrading language," despite

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being told to lower her voice and stop swearing. As the officers attempted to leave Lee's

residence, she followed them outside and continued yelling "degrading language" at them. One

officer noticed that Lee smelled of intoxicants and had slow, slurred speech, which led him to

believe that Lee was intoxicated.

Lee was released on bond in Case No. 2021CF1155. Again, her bond conditions required

her not to possess or consume alcohol and not to commit any crimes.

The State subsequently charged Lee with one count of disorderly conduct and four counts

of felony bail jumping in Kenosha County Case No. 2021CF1350. The Complaint in that case

alleged that on October 31, 2021, while released on bond in Case Nos. 2020CF1495 and

2021CF1155, Lee threatened to harm her upstairs neighbor, causing the neighbor to "fear for her

safety." When Lee was taken into custody, police found unopened beer cans in her possession.

An officer noticed the odor of intoxicants on Lee's breath and observed that her speech was

slurred and her eyes were glassy. Another officer reported that he believed Lee was "highly

intoxicated."

The parties reached a global plea agreement, which resolved all three of Lee's pending

cases. The agreement provided that Lee would enter guilty pleas to the resisting an officer

charge and the two disorderly conduct charges in Case No. 2020CF1495, and the remaining

counts in that case would be dismissed outright. In Case No. 2021CF1155, Lee would plead

guilty to the disorderly conduct charge, and the felony bail-jumping charge would be dismissed

and read in. Lee would also enter a guilty plea to the disorderly conduct charge in Case

No. 2021CF1350, and the four felony bail-jumping charges in that case would be dismissed and

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read in. The plea agreement further provided that the parties would jointly recommend that the

circuit court place Lee on probation.

Following a plea colloquy supplemented by a signed plea questionnaire and

waiver-of-rights form, the circuit court accepted Lee's guilty pleas, finding that they were

knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily made. Lee's attorney agreed that the court could rely

on the facts alleged in the Criminal Complaints as the factual basis for Lee's pleas, and the court

found that a factual basis for the pleas existed. The court later followed the parties' joint

recommendation by withholding sentence and placing Lee on probation for two years.

The no-merit report addresses: (1) whether Lee's guilty pleas were knowing, intelligent,

and voluntary; (2) whether there was a factual basis for Lee's pleas; and (3) whether the circuit

court erroneously exercised its sentencing discretion. Based upon our review of the Records, we

are satisfied that the no-merit report sufficiently analyzes these issues and properly concludes

that any challenge based upon them would lack arguable merit. Our review of the Records

discloses no other potentially meritorious issues for appeal.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgments of conviction are summarily affirmed. See WIS.

STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Jill Marie Skwor is relieved of any further

representation of Jennifer D. Lee in this matter. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Sheila T. Reiff Clerk of Court of Appeals