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

2022AP3-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Trenton J. Wik (L. C. No. 2019CF128)

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 Trenton Wik has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2021-22),<sup>1</sup> concluding there is no basis for challenging the sentences imposed after revocation of Wik's probation. Wik was informed of his right to respond to the 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2021-22 version unless otherwise noted.

appeal. Therefore, we summarily affirm the judgment of conviction. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

On June 14, 2019, Wik pled no contest to carrying a concealed weapon, as a repeater, and possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine in an amount greater than three grams, but not more than ten grams, as a party to a crime, as a repeater, and as a second or subsequent offense. The circuit court withheld sentence on both counts and placed Wik on probation for a total of three years. Wik completed the one-year probation term for carrying a concealed weapon. On May 11, 2021, Wik's probation for the possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine count was revoked. Out of a maximum possible twenty-five-year sentence, the court imposed a ten-year term consisting of five years of initial confinement followed by five years of extended supervision.

An appeal from a judgment imposing sentence after probation revocation does not bring the underlying conviction before us. *See State v. Drake*, 184 Wis. 2d 396, 399, 515 N.W.2d 923 (Ct. App. 1994). Additionally, the validity of the probation revocations are not the subject of this appeal. *See State ex rel. Flowers v. DHSS*, 81 Wis. 2d 376, 384, 260 N.W.2d 727 (1978) (probation revocation is independent from underlying criminal action); *see also State ex rel. Johnson v. Cady*, 50 Wis. 2d 540, 550, 185 N.W.2d 306 (1971) (judicial review of probation revocation is by petition for certiorari in circuit court). This court's review is therefore limited to issues arising from the sentencing after Wik's probation revocation.

The no-merit report addresses whether the circuit court properly exercised its discretion when imposing the sentence after revocation. Upon reviewing the record, we agree with counsel's description, analysis, and conclusion that any challenge to Wik's sentences after

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revocation would lack arguable merit. Our independent review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal.

Therefore,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Frederick A. Bechtold is relieved of his obligation to further represent Trenton Wik in this matter. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

Samuel A. Christensen Clerk of Court of Appeals