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

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2022AP1386-CRNM      State of Wisconsin v. Karl Justin Rein  
2022AP1387-CRNM      (L. C. Nos. 2021CM51, 2021CF101)

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).**

Attorney Carlos Bailey, as appointed counsel for Karl Justin Rein, filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2021-22)<sup>1</sup> and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Counsel provided Rein with a copy of the report, and Rein responded. We conclude that these cases are appropriate for summary disposition. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21. After our

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

independent review of the records, we conclude that there is no arguable merit to any issue that could be raised on appeal.

Rein was convicted of disorderly conduct, stalking, violating a domestic abuse order, and bail jumping. The circuit court imposed one year of initial confinement followed by two years of extended supervision on the stalking count, and consecutive jail terms on the other counts.

The no-merit report addresses whether Rein's no-contest pleas were entered knowingly, voluntarily, and intelligently. The plea colloquy sufficiently complied with the requirements of *State v. Brown*, 2006 WI 100, ¶35, 293 Wis. 2d 594, 716 N.W.2d 906, and WIS. STAT. § 971.08 relating to the nature of the charge, the rights Rein was waiving, and other matters. The record shows no other ground to withdraw the plea. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

In Rein's response to the no-merit report, he asserts various grounds to withdraw his pleas, including that he was confused or threatened. However, he does not support these general assertions with specific facts that would support a claim for postconviction relief.

The no-merit report addresses Rein's sentences. As explained in the no-merit report, the sentences are within the legal maximum. A sentence well within the statutory maximum is presumed not to be unduly harsh. *State v. Grindemann*, 2002 WI App 106, ¶¶31-32, 255 Wis. 2d 632, 648 N.W.2d 507. As to discretionary sentencing issues, the standards for the circuit court and this court are well established and need not be repeated here. *See State v. Gallion*, 2004 WI 42, ¶¶17-51, 270 Wis. 2d 535, 678 N.W.2d 197. In this case, the court considered appropriate factors, did not consider improper factors, and reached a reasonable result. There is no arguable merit to this issue.

Our review of the record discloses no other potential issues for appeal. Accordingly, counsel shall be allowed to withdraw and the judgments of conviction will be summarily affirmed. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

Therefore,

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Carlos Bailey is relieved of further representation of Karl Justin Rein in these matters. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32(3).

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

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*Samuel A. Christensen*  
*Clerk of Court of Appeals*