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

2023AP519-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Robert E. Hall, Sr. (L.C. #2020CF644)

Before Neubauer, Grogan and Lazar, 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).

Robert E. Hall, Sr., appeals from a judgment convicting him of several crimes. His appellate counsel filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2021-22)¹ and *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Hall received a copy of the report, was advised of his right to file a response, and has elected not to do so. Upon consideration of the report and an independent review of the Record, we conclude there are no issues with arguable merit for appeal. We summarily affirm the judgment. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

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

On October 17, 2020, Sheriff's Deputy Tyler Wuest was dispatched to investigate a reckless driver complaint. Wuest observed the complained-of vehicle speeding and deviating lanes. He stopped the vehicle and found Hall behind the driver's wheel with an adult female in the front passenger seat and two young children in the back seat. Hall, who had three prior convictions for drunk driving, smelled of intoxicants and admitted to drinking. After conducting field sobriety tests that showed signs of impairment, Wuest placed Hall under arrest.

The State subsequently charged Hall with (1) operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, fourth offense, with a minor child in the vehicle; (2) operating a motor vehicle while revoked; and (3) failing to install an ignition interlock device. Hall moved to dismiss, citing a lack of reasonable suspicion for the traffic stop. After a hearing on the matter, the circuit court denied the motion. The matter proceeded to a jury trial.

Ultimately, the jury found Hall guilty of the charged offenses. The circuit court imposed a sentence of one and a half years of initial confinement and two years of extended supervision. It also imposed a fine of \$2,400 plus costs. Finally, the court found Hall eligible for the substance abuse program.² This no-merit appeal follows.

The no-merit report addresses whether there was reasonable suspicion for the traffic stop, whether the evidence at trial was sufficient to support the convictions, and whether the circuit court properly exercised its discretion at sentencing. This court is satisfied that the no-merit

² Hall successfully completed the substance abuse program, which resulted in his early release from confinement.

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report correctly analyzes the issues it raises as without merit, and we will not discuss them

further.

Our review of the Record—including jury selection, jury instructions, and opening

statements/closing arguments—discloses no other potential issues for appeal. Accordingly, this

court accepts the no-merit report, affirms the judgment of conviction, and discharges appellate

counsel of the obligation to represent Hall further in this appeal.

Upon the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment of the circuit court is summarily affirmed. See WIS.

STAT. RULE 809.21.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attorney Marcella De Peters is relieved of further

representation of Robert E. Hall, Sr., in this appeal. 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

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