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

2024AP1011-CRNM State of Wisconsin v. Dennis A. Granlund (L. C. No. 2022CF197)

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 Dennis A. Granlund has filed a no-merit report pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.32 (2021-22),¹ concluding that no grounds exist to challenge Granlund's conviction for one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child (sexual contact with a child under age thirteen). Granlund was advised of his right to file a response to the no-merit report, but he has not done so.

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

Upon our initial review of the record and the no-merit report, as mandated by *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), this court identified three potential issues of arguable merit. By order dated November 4, 2024, we therefore directed appellate counsel to either: (1) file a supplemental no-merit report explaining why those potential issues lacked arguable merit; (2) inform us that Granlund did not want to pursue the identified issues; or (3) move to voluntarily dismiss this no-merit appeal and seek an extension of the time in which to file a postconviction motion.

Appellate counsel has now filed a notice of voluntary dismissal and a motion for an extension of the time to file a postconviction motion. Accordingly, we reject the no-merit report, dismiss the appeal without prejudice, and extend the time for Granlund to file a postconviction motion.

Upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the no-merit report is rejected and the appeal is dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time for filing a postconviction motion is extended to January 2, 2025.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this summary disposition order will not be published.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Court of Appeals