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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

**Plaintiff-Respondent,**

v.

TRAVIS DEON WILLIAMS.

**Defendant-Appellant.**

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**AN APPEAL FROM THE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION  
ENTERED ON MAY 21, 2013 AND SENTENCE IMPOSED ON  
JUNE 12, 2013 AND ORDER DENYING WILLIAMS MOTION FOR  
POSTCONVICTION RELIEF, ENTERED ON AUGUST 15, 2014 IN  
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY, THE  
HONORABLE MEL FLANAGAN, PRESIDING**

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**REPLY BRIEF OF DEFENDANT-APPELLANT**

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## ISSUES PRESENTED

Did the trial court err by finding that Williams is not entitled to a resentencing hearing?

Answer by Circuit Court: No

## ARGUMENT

### I. WILLIAMS IS ENTITLED TO A NEW SENTENCING HEARING DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE COURT RELIED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION

A defendant has a due process right to be sentenced upon accurate information. *State v. Tiepelman*, 2006 WI 66 ¶¶ 9, 26 291 Wis. 2d 179, 717 N.W.2d 1. Whether this right has been denied is a constitutional issue this court reviews de novo. *Tiepelman*, 291 Wis. 2d 179, ¶9. To establish that the defendant is entitled to a resentencing based on the circuit court relying on inaccurate information a defendant must show that (1) that the information was inaccurate and (2) that the circuit court relied on the inaccurate information. *Id.*, ¶ 26. If the defendant is able to meet both of these standards, then the burden shifts to the State to prove the error was harmless. *Id.* An error is harmless if there is no reasonable probability that it contributed to the outcome. *State v. Payette*, 2008 WI App 106, ¶ 46, 313 Wis.2d 39, 756 N.W.2d 423.

The court relied on the inaccurate information provided by the State. The court specifically alleges that between 2007-2009 that Williams had a "break from the referrals from this victim, a break in, you know charges of abuses by you." (14AP2064:54:25; App. 150). The State alleged that this comment was taken out of context. The court did comment that the break in Williams conduct was due to his prison stay but also specifically commented on the fact that the break was from the referrals from this victim.

(14AP2064:54:25; App. 150). Further the court talks about Williams many referrals with this victim, that it is a chronic problem, and that they have a bad relationship. (14AP2064:54:27; App. 151). The court clearly considered this information when sentencing Williams due to the fact that the court addressed the many referrals numerous times.

Further the error was not harmless. It cannot be said that there is no reasonable probability that the inaccurate information that the court relied on did not contribute to the outcome. The court was given inaccurate information and the court discusses the many referrals with this victim, so clearly it was not harmless error that this information was given to the court.

### **CONCLUSION**

For, the reasons stated above Williams asks this Court to remand the case to the circuit court for a resentencing hearing.

Respectfully submitted this  
29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

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