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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
Plaintiff-Respondent,

vs.

Appeal No. 2019AP000858 CR

JEFFREY T. ZIEGLER,
Defendant-Appellant.

REPLY BRIEF OF DEFENDANT-APPELLANT JEFFREY T. ZIEGLER

Appeals from judgments and an order of the circuit court for Dane
County,
the Honorable John D. Hyland, judge.



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ARGUMENT

The Facts Alleged in the Complaints Did Not Allow an Inference of Sexual Gratification, Even Looking at the Record and the Surrounding Circumstances, and Ziegler Should Be Allowed to Withdraw His Plea.

WISCONSIN STAT. § 942.08(2)(d)1 requires that the actor looks into a dwelling unit “for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification.” There was no fact alleged in the Zeigler complaints to justify a finding of sexual gratification in this case. Furthermore, too accept a guilty plea, the circuit court must determine that the conduct to which the defendant has admitted constitutes the offense charged. *State v. Thomas*, 232 Wis. 2d 714, 727, 605 N.W.2d 836 (1999). “[I]f a circuit court fails to establish a factual basis that the defendant admits constitutes the offense pleaded to, manifest injustice has occurred,” *id.* at 727, and the circuit court should allow withdrawal of the plea, *see State v. Higgs*, 230 Wis. 2d 1, 10, 601 N.W.2d 653 (Ct. App. 1999).

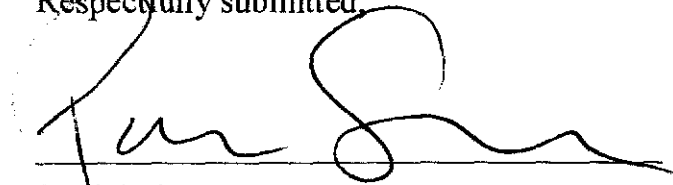
Neither complaint in this case alleged any fact showing that Ziegler’s actions were for sexual arousal or gratification. Ziegler was looking through windows. From this, the circuit court infers that Ziegler’s actions were for sexual gratification. But in the written decision denying Ziegler’s postconviction motion, the circuit court only states that “the surrounding circumstances establish the reasonableness of the inference.” Decision and Order, April 17, 2019: A28. The court does not explain what circumstances allow the inference, no doubt because there are none. This constitutes an erroneous exercise of discretion.

CONCLUSION

The circuit court's acceptance of Ziegler's guilty plea to charges that had no basis in fact was a manifest injustice, and Ziegler must be allowed to withdraw his plea.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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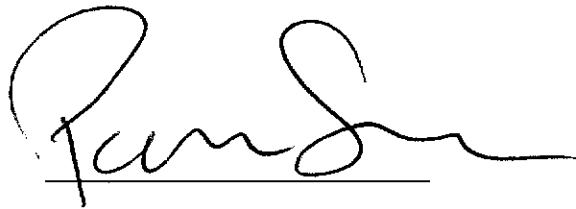
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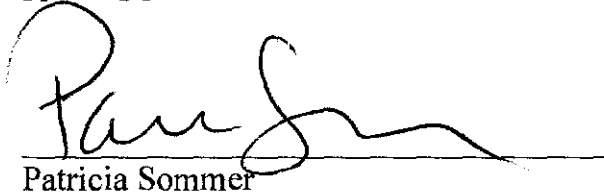
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