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|  | *HN24*  Appeals, Prosecutorial MisconductWhen a defendant alleges that a prosecutor's statements constituted misconduct, the test the appellate court applies is whether the statements so infected the trial with unfairness as to make the resulting conviction a denial of due process.State v. Davidson, 2000 WI 91, 236 Wis. 2d 537, 540, 613 N.W.2d 606, 608 |
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|  | [Wis. Stat. 907.03(2)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/970/03/2) : The preliminary examination shall be commenced within 20 days after the initial appearance of the defendant if the defendant has been released from custody or within 10 days if the defendant is in custody and bail has been fixed in excess of $500. On stipulation of the parties or on motion and for cause, the court may extend such time. |
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| Statutes | **906.13  Prior statements of witnesses.****(1)**Examining witness concerning prior statement. In examining a witness concerning a prior statement made by the witness, whether written or not, the statement need not be shown or its contents disclosed to the witness at that time, but on request the same shall be shown or disclosed to opposing counsel upon the completion of that part of the examination.**(2)**Extrinsic evidence of prior inconsistent statement of a witness.**(a)** Extrinsic evidence of a prior inconsistent statement by a witness is not admissible unless any of the following is applicable:**1.** The witness was so examined while testifying as to give the witness an opportunity to explain or to deny the statement.**2.** The witness has not been excused from giving further testimony in the action.**3.** The interests of justice otherwise require.**(b)** Paragraph [(a)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/906.13%282%29%28a%29) does not apply to admissions of a party-opponent as defined in s. [908.01 (4) (b)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/908.01%284%29%28b%29).**History:**Sup. Ct. Order, 59 Wis. 2d R1, R197 (1973); [1991 a. 32](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/acts/1991/32); [1999 a. 85](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/acts/1999/85).A witness for the defense could be impeached by prior inconsistent statements to the district attorney even though made in the course of plea bargaining as to a related offense. Taylor v. State, [52 Wis. 2d 453](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/52%20Wis.%202d%20453), [190 N.W.2d 208](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/190%20N.W.2d%20208) (1971).A statement by a defendant, not admissible as part of the prosecution's case because it was taken without the presence of the defendant's counsel, may be used on cross-examination for impeachment if the statement is trustworthy. Wold v. State, [57 Wis. 2d 344](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/57%20Wis.%202d%20344), [204 N.W.2d 482](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/204%20N.W.2d%20482) (1973).A bright line test for determining whether a defendant's prior inconsistent statement is admissible for impeachment is whether it was compelled. State v. Pickett, [150 Wis. 2d 720](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/150%20Wis.%202d%20720), [442 N.W.2d 509](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/442%20N.W.2d%20509) (Ct. App. 1989).This section is applicable in criminal cases. A defense investigator's reports of witness interviews are statements under sub. (1) but only must be disclosed if defense counsel has examined the witness concerning the statements made to the investigator. State v. Hereford, [195 Wis. 2d 1054](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/195%20Wis.%202d%201054), [537 N.W.2d 62](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/537%20N.W.2d%2062) (Ct. App. 1995), [94-1596](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/wicourtofappeals/94-1596).A prior inconsistent statement is admissible under sub. (2) without first confronting the witness with that statement. Under sub. (2) (a) 2. and 3. extrinsic evidence of prior inconsistent statements is admissible if the witness has not been excused from giving further testimony in the case or if the interest of justice otherwise requires its admission. State v. Smith, [2002 WI App 118](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/2002%20WI%20App%20118), [254 Wis. 2d 654](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/254%20Wis.%202d%20654), [648 N.W.2d 15](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/courts/648%20N.W.2d%2015), [01-1662](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/wicourtofappeals/01-1662). |
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| Statutes | [Wis. Stat. 971.20 Substitution of Judge](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/971/20) Subsequently assigned judge (Main judge for case) (5)(b) **(5)** Substitution of trial judge subsequently assigned. If a new judge is assigned to the trial of an action and the defendant has not exercised the right to substitute an assigned judge, a written request for the substitution of the new judge may be filed with the clerk within 15 days of the clerk's giving actual notice or sending notice of the assignment to the defendant or the defendant's attorney. If the notification occurs within 20 days of the date set for trial, the request shall be filed within 48 hours of the clerk's giving actual notice or sending notice of the assignment. If the notification occurs within 48 hours of the trial or if there has been no notification, the defendant may make an oral or written request for substitution prior to the commencement of the proceedings.**(6)** Substitution of judge in multiple defendant actions. In actions involving more than one defendant, the request for substitution shall be made jointly by all defendants. If severance has been granted and the right to substitute has not been exercised prior to the granting of severance, the defendant or defendants in each action may request a substitution under this section.**(7)** Substitution of judge following appeal. If an appellate court orders a new trial or sentencing proceeding, a request under this section may be filed within 20 days after the filing of the remittitur by the appellate court, whether or not a request for substitution was made prior to the time the appeal was taken. |
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| Caselaw | *State v Lomax*, 146 Wis. 2d 356, 359, 432 N.W.2d 89 (1988)(circuit court exercises its discretion in determining whether to appoint new counsel to represent defendant in a criminal case.) |
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| Caselaw | *Arizona v Gant*, 556 U.S. 332, 351 (2009) “Police may search a vehicle incident to a recent occupants arrest only if the arrestee is within reaching distance of the passenger compartment at the time of the search or it is reasonable to believe the vehicle contains evidence of the offense of arrest.”Circumstances unique to the vehicle context justify a search incident to a lawful arrest when it is reasonable to believe evidence relevant to the crime of arrest might be found in the vehicle. In many cases, as when a recent occupant is arrested for a traffic violation, there will be no reasonable basis to believe the vehicle contains relevant evidence. But in others, the offense of arrest will supply a basis for searching the passenger compartment of an arrestee's vehicle and any containers therein. (Stevens, J., joined by Scalia, Souter, Thomas, and Ginsburg, JJ.) Arizona v. Gant, 556 U.S. 332, 332, 129 S. Ct. 1710, 1712 (2009)Police may search a vehicle incident to a recent occupant's arrest only if the arrestee is within reaching distance of the passenger compartment at the time of the search or it is reasonable to believe the vehicle contains evidence of the offense of arrest. When these justifications are absent, a search of an arrestee's vehicle will be unreasonable unless police obtain a warrant or show that another exception to the warrant requirement applies. Arizona v. Gant, 556 U.S. 332, 332, 129 S. Ct. 1710, 1712 (2009)Although it does not follow from *Chimel*, circumstances unique to the automobile context also justify a  [\*333]  search incident to a lawful arrest when it is "reasonable to believe evidence relevant to the crime of arrest might be found in the vehicle." *Thornton* v. *United States*, 541 U.S. 615, 632, 124 S. Ct. 2127, 158 L. Ed. 2d 905 (Scalia, J., concurring in judgment).Are there sufficient exceptions to the warrant requirement to permit a warrantless search of the vehicle, including, but not limited to the following:Exigent circumstances justifying a warrantlessThe search was not incident to lawful arrest or part of a traffic stopDefendant did not consent to the searchNo evidence was legitimately in plain view of the officersThe search was not for inventory purposes. |
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| Caselaw | \_\_\_\_\_\_The court explained its reasoning, with reference to proper sentencing factors o Gravity of the offense: o Character of the defendant: o Protection of the public: • Harris v. State, 75 Wis. 2d 513, 519, 250 N.W.2d 7 (1977) (discussing McCleary v. State, 49 Wis. 2d 263, 274-76, 182 N.W.2d 512 (1971), and noting the factors that the court should consider when imposing sentence). \_\_\_\_\_\_ The court sought to impose the minimum period of incarceration necessary to meet its objectives, considering probation (where requested) first • State v. Gallion, 2004 WI 42, ¶44, 270 Wis. 2d 535, 678 N.W.2d 197 (stating that sentencing courts should impose the minimum amount of incarceration necessary to further its objectives and should consider probation as the first alternative). |
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| **Court Relied on Accurate Information** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Defendant had assistance of counsel** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Jail Credit** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ERP Wis. Stat §302.045(2)(c)**  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **State Complied with Victim Notification** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Basis for sentence modification** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Any other concerns apparent from the record or raised by the defendant** |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Reviewed and Initial Thoughts: |
| Statutes | [Wis. Stat. §971.10 Speedy Trial](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/971/10) **(1)**In misdemeanor actions trial shall commence within 60 days from the date of the defendant's initial appearance in court.**(2)****(a)** The trial of a defendant charged with a felony shall commence within **90 days from the date trial is demanded by any party in writing or on the record.** If the demand is made in writing, a copy shall be served upon the opposing party. The demand may not be made until after the filing of the information or indictment.**(b)** If the court is unable to schedule a trial pursuant to par. [(a)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/971.10%282%29%28a%29), the court shall request assignment of another judge pursuant to s. [751.03](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/751.03).[971.10(3)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/971.10%283%29)**(3)****(a)** A court may grant a continuance in a case, upon its own motion or the motion of any party, if the ends of justice served by taking action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. A continuance shall not be granted under this paragraph unless the court sets forth, in the record of the case, either orally or in writing, its reasons for finding that the ends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial…… |
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| Statutes | [Wis. Stat. §805.14(1)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/805/14) |
| Caselaw | *State v Pankov*, 144 Wis. 2d 23, 422 N.W.2d 913 (1988) review denied 145 Wis. 2d 916, 430 N.W.2d 351 (1988) |
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| Statutes | [Wis. R. Civ. P., Wis. Stat. § 805.18(2)](http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/805/18/2)provides that no judgment shall be reversed or set aside or new trial granted in any action or proceeding on the ground of drawing, selection or misdirection of jury, or the improper admission of evidence, or for error as to any matter of pleading or procedure, unless in the opinion of the court to which the application is made, after an examination of the entire action or proceeding, it appears that the error complained of affects the substantial rights of the party seeking to reverse or set aside the judgment, or to secure a new trial. |
| Caselaw | P1 PER CURIAM. James Washington appeals a judgment of conviction for four counts of first-degree intentional homicide, as party to a crime, and an order denying his motion for postconviction relief. Washington contends that he is entitled to a new trial because: (1) the jury during voir dire was given information that he claims made it more likely for them to convict him; (2) he received ineffective assistance of trial counsel; (3) a key witness recanted his testimony, which Washington asserts constitutes newly-discovered evidence warranting a new trial; and (4) the real controversy was not tried. For the reasons discussed below, we affirm.State v. Washington, 2015 WI App 90, 365 Wis. 2d 606, 871 N.W.2d 866Prospective jurors are presumed impartial, and the challenger to that presumption bears the burden of proving bias. *State v. Louis*, 156 Wis. 2d 470, 478, 457 N.W.2d 484 (1990) (citing *Irvin v. Dowd*, 366 U.S. 717, 723, 81 S.Ct. 1639, 1642-43 (1961); *McGeever v. State*, 239 Wis. 87, 96, 300 N.W. 485 (1941). Whether a juror is biased and should be dismissed for cause is a discretionary matter to be determined by the trial court. *Louis*, 156 Wis. 2d at 478 (citations omitted). This is because the trial court is “intimately familiar with the voir dire proceeding, and is best situated to reflect upon the prospective juror’s subjective state of mind which is relevant as well to the determination of objective bias.” *State v. Faucher*, 227 Wis. 2d 700, 720, 596 N.W.2d 770 (1999)(citing *State v. Delgado*, 223 Wis. 2d 270, 285, 588 N.W.2d 1 (1999).In a postconviction hearing ordered by the Court of Appeals after a no merit report was filed and rejected – the circuit court found: although “Attorney Keane may have been inarticulate at times” her failure to move to strike the panel did not constitute deficient performance. (106:4-14; App. 169-69) page 9 of Appellant’s Appeal brief. They also declined to grant a new trial in the interest of justice noting that they were not persuaded the jury was tainted by the comments. Id.*Hammill v State*, 89 Wis. 2d 404, 278 N.W.2d 821 (1979)*Oswald v Bertrand*, 374 F.2d 475 (7th Cir. 2004)In Lorenz v. Wolff, 45 Wis. 2d 407, 173 N.W.2d 129 (1970), the court did determine that discretionary reversal was warranted because conduct during the course of the trial prevented the jury from fairly considering a crucial issue before the court. See Vollmer, 156 Wis. 2d at 17, 36 456 N.W.2d at 804 (finding that the Supreme Court’s power of discretionary reversal under Wis. Stat. § 751.06 is identical to Court of Appeals power of discretionary reversal under Wis. Stat. § 752.35). In Lorenz, defense counsel’s questioning of the plaintiff became defense counsel’s own testimony regarding something he purportedly witnessed. Id. at 416-18, 173 N.W.2d at 133-34. The trial court advised the jury that they were to disregard defense counsel’s “testimony.” Id. A short while later, defense counsel requested to be sworn in as a witness but then withdrew the request because he wanted to remain an attorney on the case. Id. at 417, 173 N.W.2d at 133. During closing arguments, defense counsel vouched for the truthfulness of the testimony of a witness, who happened to be his son. Id. at 418-19, 173 N.W.2d at 134. **On review, the Wisconsin Supreme Court reversed the verdict finding that there was a miscarriage of justice because the jury had before it evidence that was not properly admitted at the trial. Id. at 426, 173 N.W.2d at 138-39**. Furthermore, unlike defense counsel’s “testimony” in Lorenz, which was evidence not properly before the court, the prejudicial statements Attorney Keane elicited from prospective jurors resulted from voir dire proceedings that properly functioned to screen out biased jurors. As such, this is not the kind of case or set of circumstances that warrant the extraordinary remedy of discretionary reversal under Wis. Stat. § 752.35. State:In order to establish that the defendant was prejudiced by Attorney Keane’s failure to strike the jury panel and Attorney Keane’s own statements during voir dire, the defendant must show that Attorney Keane’s performance “so undermined the proper functioning of the adversarial process that the trial cannot be relied on as having produced a just result.” State v. Koller, 2001 WI App 253, ¶ 9, 248 Wis. 2d 259, 635 N.W.2d 838 (quoting Strickland, 466 U.S. at 686, 104 S.Ct. at 2064). This burden cannot be met by showing that an error had some conceivable effect on the outcome. Id. (citation omitted). Instead, the defendant must show “a reasonable probability that, but for counsel's unprofessional errors, the result of the proceeding would have been different.” Id. (quoting Strickland, 466 U.S. at 694, 104 S.Ct. at 2068). To show prejudice for trial counsel’s deficient performance during the selection of a jury, a defendant must show that counsel’s performance resulted in a biased juror member hearing her case, and not whether a differently composed jury would have acquitted the defendant. See Koller, 2001 WI App at ¶ 14. See also State v. Traylor, 170 Wis. 2d 393, 400-01, 489 N.W.2d 626 (Ct. App. 1992) and State v. Lindell, 2001 WI 108, ¶81, 245 Wis. 2d 689, 629 N.W.2d 223. When determining whether there were 22 any biased jurors, mere speculation is insufficient to satisfy the prejudice prong of Strickland. State v. Erickson, 227 Wis. 2d 758, 774, 596 N.W.2d 749 (1999). Whether trial counsel's actions constituted ineffective assistance presents a mixed question of fact and law. State v. Pitsch, 124 Wis.2d 628, 633-34, 369 N.W.2d 711 (1985). This court should not reverse the trial court's factual findings regarding counsel's actions unless those findings are clearly erroneous. Id. at 634, 369 N.W.2d 711. Whether trial counsel's performance was deficient, and whether that behavior prejudiced the defense, are questions of law this court should review de novo. Id. In Koller, the defendant claimed that he was denied effective assistance of counsel because his trial attorney failed to sufficiently question several prospective jurors about their personal experiences with sexual assault and sexual assault victims. 2001 WI App at ¶ 11, 248 Wis. 2d at 271. There was no indication from the record that any of the jurors that heard the case were biased. Id. However, Koller argued that because trial counsel failed to question jurors in depth regarding whether any had an experience with sexual assault or its victims, this failure “might have resulted in a biased juror escaping detection.” Id. The Court of Appealsith sexual assault or its victims, this failure “might have resulted in a biased juror escaping detection.” Id. The Court of Appeals 23 found that Koller failed to establish prejudice because he failed to show that counsel’s failure to question jurors regarding sexual assault resulted in a biased juror deciding his case. Id. at ¶¶ 15-16, 248 Wis. 2d at 271. The Court determined that because Koller failed to make that showing, it did not have to consider whether counsel’s performance was deficient. Id. at ¶ 12, 16, 248 Wis. 2d at 271. See State v. Mayo, 2007 WI 78, ¶ 63, 301 Wis. 2d 642, 734 N.W.2d 115. In Mayo, the prosecutor made several inappropriate comments during the trial. Id. at ¶¶ 14-17, 301 Wis. 2d at 121. In her closing argument, the prosecutor commented on the defendant’s decision to invoke his right to silence. Id. at ¶ 15, 301 Wis. 2d at 121. She also expressed her personal opinion regarding the defendant’s guilt and the role of defense counsel, which was to “get his client off the hook.” Id. at ¶¶ 15-17, 301 Wis. 2d at 121. The defendant claimed that his trial counsel was ineffective because counsel did not object to the prosecutor’s remarks. Id. at ¶ 20, 301 Wis. 2d at 122. **The Wisconsin Supreme Court found that while trial counsel may have been deficient for failing to fully investigate the case, counsel was not deficient for failing to 24 object to the prosecutor’s improper remarks. Id. at ¶ 63, 301 Wis. 2d at 131.** This determination was based, in part, on the circuit court’s finding that counsel’s failure to object involved defense strategy, and the court refused to “second guess” this decision. Id. (citing Strickland, 466 U.S. at 689, 104 S.Ct. 2052. Like the defendant in Koller, the defendant n A. The only evidence the defendant produced at the Machner hearing was Attorney Keane’s testimony. (See R.105 at 3-14) In response to appellate counsel’s question of whether she thought about striking the jury panel, Attorney Keane stated, “It didn’t occur to me.” (R.105 at 8) Attorney Keane was asked if she had concerns about the impact Whitehouse’s statements might have had on the jury, and Attorney Keane responded that at the time, she was more focused on the jurors who expressed opinions about her quesProspective jurors are presumed impartial, and the challenger to that presumption bears the burden of proving bias. State v. Louis, 156 Wis. 2d 470, 478, 457 N.W.2d 484 (1990) (citing Irvin v. Dowd, 366 U.S. 717, 723, 81 S.Ct. 1639, 1642-43 (1961); McGeever v. State, 239 Wis. 87, 96, 300 N.W. 485 (1941). Whether a juror is biased and should be dismissed for cause is a discretionary matter to be determined by the trial court. Louis, 156 Wis. 2d at 478 (citations omitted). This is because the trial court is “intimately familiar with the voir dire proceeding, and is best situated to reflect upon the prospective juror’s subjective state of mind which is relevant as well to the determination of objective bias.” State v. Faucher, 227 Wis. 2d 700, 720, 596 N.W.2d 770 (1999)(citing State v. Delgado, 223 Wis. 2d 270, 285, 588 N.W.2d 1 (1999). |
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Court of Appeals District III: When counsel files a no-merit report, the question presented to this court is whether, upon review of the entire proceedings, any argument would be wholly frivolous. *See* ***Anders v California***, 386 U.S. 738, 744 (1967). The test is not whether the attorney expects he argument to prevail. See SCR 20:3.1, cmt (action is not frivolous even though lawyer believes his or her client’s position will not ultimately prevail). Rather, the question is whether the potential issue so lacks a basis in fact or law that it would be unethical for counsel to prosecute the appeal. *See* ***McCoy v Court of Appeals***, 486 U.S. 429, 436 (1988).

Two-part test of effective assistance of defense counsel held (1) reasonably effective assistance and (2) reasonable probability of different result with effective assistance.
*Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. 668, 671, 104 S. Ct. 2052, 2056, 80 L. Ed. 2d 674, 683, 1984 U.S. LEXIS 79, \*1, 52 U.S.L.W. 4565