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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-20-706
)	
Plaintiff,)	Yellowstone County District Court
)	
-vs-)	Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
)	
DOLAN LONG,)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 19, 2022, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment to the Montana State Prison for a term of five (5) years, for the offense of Count I: Strangulation of Partner or Family Member (1st Offense), a felony, in violation of §45-5-215, MCA. The Court ordered the sentence to run consecutively to any other sentences the Defendant receives.

The Defendant was given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: June 6, 2020 through June 10, 2020; November 20, 2020 through February 18, 2021; February 19, 2021 through February 26, 2021; and April 22, 2021 through January 19, 2022.

On May 5, 2022, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Montana State Prison and was represented by Dan Biddulph, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by John Ryan. The Hon. Ashley Harada appeared and provided a statement. The Defendant gave a statement.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall

not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 17th day of May, 2022.

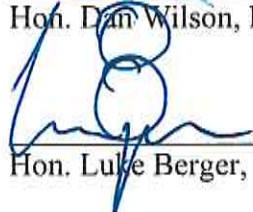
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Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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