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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-19-080
)	
Plaintiff,)	Lincoln County District Court
)	
-vs-)	Montana Nineteenth Judicial District
)	
WALTER LEE TERRY,)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On December 30, 2019, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Twenty (20) years to the Montana State Prison, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a felony, in violation of §45-9-101, MCA; Count II: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with ten (10) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a felony, in violation of §45-9-101, MCA; Count III: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with ten (10) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a felony, in violation of §45-9-101, MCA; and Count IV: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with ten (10) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a felony, in violation of §45-9-101, MCA.

The sentences for Count II, III and IV were ordered to run consecutive to the sentence for Count I and Concurrent with each other. The Defendant was given credit for time served for one hundred ninety-six (196) days served by reason of prior incarceration as of the date of the Judgment. The Defendant was ordered to pay fines and fees totaling \$5,504.08.

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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Dan Biddulph, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did not provide 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.


SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Dan Wilson, Member



Hon. Luke Berger, Member

Copies mailed or emailed this 18th day of May, 2022, to:

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