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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-20-076  
)  
Plaintiff, ) Powell County District Court  
-vs- )  
) Montana Third Judicial District  
PRESTON SCOTT TUCKER, )  
) **DECISION**  
)  
Defendant. )

On March 25, 2021, the Defendant was sentenced to eight (8) years to a state prison designated by the Montana Department of Corrections, for the offense of Count I: Escape, a Felony, in violation of §45-7-306 MCA. The sentence was ordered to be served consecutively to the Defendant's underlying sentence, but concurrently with the sentence in DC-20-096. Restitution was ordered in the amount of \$2,785.45 for costs incurred by the Powell County Sheriff's Office for apprehension efforts.

On February 10, 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 Teal Mittelstadt, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. Alisha Day was present but 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. The Defendant did not provide a statement.

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 21st day of February, 2022.

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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair

  
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Hon. Dan Wilson, Member

  
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Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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