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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-32-2021-0000181-IN
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Missoula County District Court
	)	
-vs-	)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
	)	
PETER ALLEN CHRISTENSEN,	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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On October 4, 2022, the Court sentenced the Defendant to five (5) years commitment to the Department of Corrections for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA. The Court recommended that the Defendant be placed in a chemical dependency treatment program followed by pre-release and was given 127 days credit for time served.

On May 4, 2023, 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 Nexus Treatment Facility and was represented by Tyler Duggar, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented.

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 give a statement.

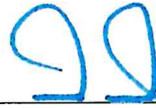
Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

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 16 day of May, 2023.

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Hon. Dan Wilson, Chair



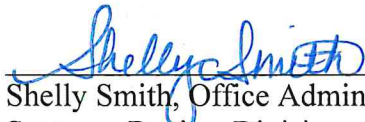
Hon. Luke Berger, Member



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

Copies mailed or emailed this 17th day of May, 2023, to:

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