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**SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION
OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA**

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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-32-2022-0000427-IN
)	
)	Plaintiff,
)	Missoula County District Court
-vs-)	
)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
JEFFREY LEE NEFF,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 3, 2023, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: Five (5) years to the Montana State Prison, with none suspended, for the offense of Partner or Family Member Assault, 3rd or Subsequent Offense, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-206[3rd], MCA; and Count II: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with none suspended, for the offense of Tampering With Witnesses and Informants, a Felony, in violation of §45-7-206, MCA.

Counts I and II were ordered to run concurrently with each other. The Court ordered the Defendant be given credit for time served in the amount of 152 days.

The Court did not impose a parole restriction and waived all financial obligations.

On August 3, 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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did not give 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 August, 2023.

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Hon. Dan Wilson, Chair



Hon. Luke Berger, Member



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

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