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

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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-56-2022-0000956-IN
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Yellowstone County District Court
-vs-	)	
	)	Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
RONNIE DAN PEASE, JR,	)	
	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On February 17, 2023, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment to the Department of Corrections for a term of five (5) years for the offense of Count I: Failure to Register as a Violent Offender, a Felony, in violation of §46-23-504 through §46-23-507, MCA. He was given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: August 12, 2022 through February 17, 2023. The Defendant was ordered to register as a violent offender.

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 Montana State Prison and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Hon. Dan Wilson, Chair

  
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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

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