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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-21-029
)	
Plaintiff,)	Powell County District Court
-vs-)	
)	Montana Third Judicial District
SHANE THOMPSON FRIEBURG,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On January 11, 2022, the Defendant was sentenced to the Department of Corrections for a term of ten (10) years, with five (5) years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Aggravated Assault, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-202, MCA. The sentence was ordered to run consecutively to any underlying sentence. The Defendant was not given credit for time served, as he was incarcerated and serving time on an underlying sentence the entire time this case was pending.

On May 6, 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 Montana State Prison and was represented by Sadie Busch, 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 17th day of May, 2022.

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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair




Hon. Dan Wilson, Member



Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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

- Clerk of District Court – *via email*
- Shane Thompson Frieberg #2015421, Defendant
- Hon. Ray Dayton – *via email*
- Sadie Busch, Defense Counsel – *via email*
- Patrick Moody, Assistant Attorney General – *via email*
- Board of Pardons and Parole – *via email*
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