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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-20-155
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Missoula County District Court
-vs-	)	
	)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
	)	
MELANIE RAY INGRAHAM,	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On May 24, 2021, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment to the Department of Corrections for six (6) years, with three (3) years suspended, for the offense of **Count I: Criminal Endangerment, a felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA**. The sentence was ordered to run concurrently with sentences imposed in Cause Nos. DC-20-537 and DC-21-025. The Court recommended additional treatment court should the Defendant be paroled. The Defendant was credited for time served in the amount of 249 days.

On September 24, 2021, 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 Passages Assessment and Treatment Center, and was represented by Daniel Biddulph. 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 she understood this and stated that she 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

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