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STATE OF MONTANA, ) Cause No. DC-21-022  
 )  
Plaintiff, ) Hill County District Court  
 )  
-vs- ) Montana Twelfth Judicial District  
 )  
PRISCILLA RAE STRIKE, )  
 ) **DECISION**  
 )  
Defendant. )

On February 7, 2022, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: Count I: A commitment to the Department of Corrections for a period of three (3) years for the offense of Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs – Not Otherwise Provided For in §45-9-102(1) or (2), MCA, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA; and Count III: A commitment to the Department of Corrections for a period of three (3) years, for the offense of Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs – Not Otherwise Provided For in §45-9-102(1) or (2), MCA, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA. The sentences were ordered to run concurrent in each count as well as concurrent to the sentence in Hill County Cause Number DC-21-2015-7. The Court recommended the Defendant be screened for chemical dependency treatment or any other rehabilitative programming that might be appropriate and available. The Defendant was given credit for time served of thirteen (13) days.

On April 8, 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 Elkhorn Treatment Center and was represented by Sadie Busch, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. Hon. Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz was present but did not provide a statement. The Defendant did not provide 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.

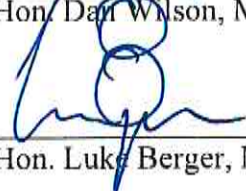
Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 26th day of April, 2022.

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Hon. Dan Wilson, Member

  
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Hon. Luke Berger, Member

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