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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-21-2020-0000071-IN
	Plaintiff,)	Hill County District Court
-VS-)	Montana Twelfth Judicial District
JOSHUA GLEN REID,)	DECICION
)	DECISION
	Defendant.)	

On March 8, 2021, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: <u>Count I</u>: Thirty (30) years to the Montana State Prison, with none suspended, for the offense of Escape, a Felony, in violation of §45-7-306, MCA; and <u>Count II</u>: Thirty (30) years to the Montana State Prison, with none suspended, for the offense of Assault on Peace Officer, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-210, MCA, to run concurrent with Count I.

Counts III and IV were dismissed. The Court ordered that the Defendant be designated as a Persistent Felony Offender and was given credit for 270 days previously served. The Court further ordered that the sentence shall run concurrently to any sentence the Defendant is currently serving and Hill County causes DC-20-064 and DC-20-104.

On November 2, 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. Hon. Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz was present and gave a statement. 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 30 day of November, 2023.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

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Hon. John Warner, Alternate Member

Clerk of District Court – via email Joshua Glen Reid #3003574, Defendant Hon. Kaydee Snipes-Ruiz - via email

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