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STATE OF MONTANA,	`	Cause No. DC-41-2019-0000166
	Plaintiff,	Ravalli County District Court
-VS-		) Montana Twenty-First Judicial District
ANGELA HOPE AMOS,	;	DECISION
	Defendant.	) )

On July 16, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced as follows:

<u>Charge I</u>: A commitment to the Montana Department of Corrections for a term of Sixteen (16) years, with Eight (8) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA.

<u>Charge II</u>: A commitment to the Montana Department of Corrections for a term of Sixteen (16) years, with Eight (8) years suspended, for the offense of Criminal Distribution of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA. The sentence was ordered to run concurrently with Count I.

The Defendant was given credit for time served in the amount of 220 days.

On April 4, 2025, 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 Women's Prison and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by David Lakin. 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 15th day of April, 2025.

## SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair

Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member

Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member

Copies mailed or emailed this 15th day of April, 2025, to:

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