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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-22-480
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Missoula County District Court
	)	
-vs-	)	Montana Fourth Judicial District
	)	
BRIDGETTE GAIL TAYLOR,	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

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On January 23, 2023, the Defendant was sentenced to a commitment of five (5) years to the Department of Corrections, with three (3) years suspended, for the offense of Count I: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, a Felony, in violation of §45-9-102, MCA.

The Defendant was given credit for time served in the amount of thirty (30) days.

The Court recommended the Defendant be assessed and placed in a treatment program that addresses the Defendant's addiction. It was further ordered the Defendant shall enter and successfully complete the treatment program and upon completion of the program the Defendant shall be placed in a community based program.

On April 7, 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 Sanders County Jail and was represented by Tyler Duggar, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented.

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 to 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. The Defendant did not give a statement.

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).

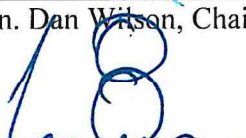
The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

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

DATED this 24th day of April, 2023.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION


  
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Hon. Luke Berger, Member

  
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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Member

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