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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause Nos. DC-25-2021-0000350
	)	DC-25-2023-0000186
Plaintiff,	)	Lewis & Clark County District Court
-vs-	)	
	)	Montana First Judicial District
JEFFREY LANE JACOBS,	)	
	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On May 1, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced thirty (30) years to the Montana State Prison, with eighteen (18) years suspended in the DC-23-0350 matter, for the offense of:

Count I: Sexual Intercourse Without Consent, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-503(1), MCA. The sentence was ordered to run concurrently with DC-23-186. It was determined by the Sex Offender Evaluator that the Defendant should be designated a Level I Sex Offender. He was entitled to receive 409 days of time-served credit. The Court ordered the Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,677.81. Because the sentences were straight prison terms without probation tails, there were no probation conditions.

On May 1, 2024, the Defendant was sentenced thirty (30) years to the Montana State Prison, with eighteen (18) years suspended in the DC-23-0186 matter, for the offense of:

Count III: Thirty (30) years to the Montana State Prison, with eighteen (18) years suspended, for the offense of Sexual Intercourse Without Consent, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-503(3)(a), MCA.

Count VI: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with no time suspended, for the offense of Sexual Abuse of Children, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-625(1)(e), MCA.

The Court ordered both counts to run concurrently with each other and concurrently with the sentence imposed in DC-21-350. The Court further ordered the Defendant designated a Level II Sexual Offender pursuant to §46-23-509. The Defendant was given credit for the following date ranges: July 23, 2021 to August 20, 2021; and April 17, 2023 to May 1, 2024. The Court dismissed Counts I, II, IV, and V, with prejudice on the State's motion.

On August 7, 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 State Prison and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Mary Barry. 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.

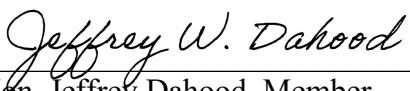
Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2025.

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Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair

  
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Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member

  
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Hon. Jeffrey Dahood, Member

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Dia C. Lang, Office Administrator  
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