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STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Cause No. DC-56-2023-0001048
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Yellowstone County District Court
-vs-	)	
	)	Montana Thirteenth Judicial District
STEVEN CANNON EYLER,	)	
	)	<b>DECISION</b>
	)	
Defendant.	)	

On **March 20, 2025**, the Defendant was sentenced to ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, for the offense of Count II: Sexual Abuse of Children – Possession of Material, a Felony, in violation of §§45-5-625(1)(e) and (2)(c), MCA. The Defendant was given credit for time spent in pre-trial incarceration as follows: August 22, 2023, through August 25, 2023. The Court ordered the Defendant designated as a Level II Sexual Offender under§ 46-23-509(3)(b), MCA, and that he participates in a Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) at the Montana State Prison to the extent recommended by the SOTP Clinical Director. The Court further ordered that the Defendant pay Friedel Clinic \$3,105.00 for unpaid fees in relation to pretrial GPS Monitoring. The State’s oral motion to dismiss Count I was granted.

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 Dawson County Correctional Facility and was represented by Sarah Kottke, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Lacey Fortin. The Defendant did give 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 14th day of August, 2025.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member



Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member

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