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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-49-2020-0000001
)	
Plaintiff,)	Sweet Grass County District Court
-vs-)	
)	Montana Sixth Judicial District
KEVIN CHARLES WALLA,)	
)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On June 27, 2022, the Defendant was sentenced to One Hundred (100) years to the Montana State Prison, with no time suspended, and a forty (40) year parole restriction, for the offense of Count I: Deliberate Homicide, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-102(1)(a), MCA (2019). The Court further sentence the Defendant to ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, with no time suspended and no parole restriction, for the Weapons Enhancement. The sentence was ordered to run consecutive to that imposed in Count I. The Court ordered the Defendant register as a Violent Offender and not possess firearms. The Defendant was given credit of five-hundred-sixty-four (564) days for jail time served.

A Motion to Dismiss Count II was filed by the State and granted by the Court.

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 Sarah Kottke, Defense Counsel. The State was represented by Patrick Dringman. 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.

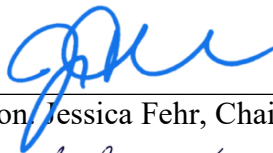
Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

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 14th day of August, 2025.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member



Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member

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