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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-14-2022-0000042
)
Plaintiff,) Fergus County District Court
-vs-)
) Montana Tenth Judicial District
BO BRYAN MICHEL,)
) **DECISION**
)
Defendant.)

On **October 30, 2023**, the Defendant was sentenced as follows:

Count I: Term of Life to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Deliberate Homicide, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-102, MCA. The Court ordered the Defendant not eligible for parole for fifty-five (55) years and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$9,616.51 to the Crime Victim Compensation fund.

Count II: Term of Life to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Attempted Deliberate Homicide, a Felony, in violation of §§45-4-103 and 45-5-102, MCA. The Court ordered the Defendant not eligible for parole for fifty-five (55) years. The sentence to run concurrently with Count I.

Count III: Twenty (20) years to the Montana State Prison for the offense of Assault with Weapon, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-213, MCA. The sentence was ordered to run concurrently with Counts I and II.

The Defendant was given credit for four-hundred-eighty-eight (488) days jail time served. The Court granted the State’s oral motion to Dismiss with Prejudice, Counts IV, V, and VI.

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 Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Tyler Dugger, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. 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 12th day of August, 2025.

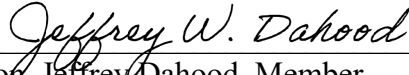
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