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STATE OF MONTANA,)	Cause No. DC-21-2006-0000084
)	
Plaintiff,)	Hill County District Court
)	
-vs-)	Montana Twelfth Judicial District
)	
RYAN M. HILL,)	DECISION
)	
Defendant.)	

On February 28, 2022, the Court found that the Defendant violated the conditions of supervision, revoked his suspended sentence, and sentenced him to forty-five (45) years to the Montana State Prison, with none suspended, for the offense of Count I: Attempted Sexual Intercourse Without Consent, a Felony, in violation of §§45-4-103 and 45-5-503. The Defendant was subject to a fifteen (15) year parole restriction. The Court further ordered him subject to a parole restriction until the Sex Offender Program I, II, and III were completed after the disposition was recorded.

The Defendant was given no street time credit. He had 29 days of credit for time served. The Court ordered that the Defendant's Tier III Sex Offender designation remain. All financial obligations of the original judgment would be reimposed.

On April 28, 2022, the Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court from the District Court's decision and final judgment, or order entered on March 2, 2022. The Supreme Court reviewed the Defendant's argument that the District Court erroneously revoked his prior suspended sentence, and re-sentenced him, without consideration or exhaustion of the administrative intervention process requirements application, to mere probation compliance violations under §46-18-203(8), MCA. The Supreme Court affirmed the District Court's decision.

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 Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility and was represented by Teal Mittelstadt, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The defendant gave a statement. Jen Murphy, the victim's mother, 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. 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 concluded that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly excessive and the sentence be **AMENDED** to remove the parole restriction requiring completion of Sex Offender Programming ("SOP") 1, 2 & 3 because it is clearly excessive given that the programming no longer exists at the Montana State Prison. The language should be replaced with the following language, "the defendant shall successfully complete any recommended sex offender treatment while incarcerated with the Department of Corrections."

Pursuant to 46-18-904(3), MCA, the District Court shall resentence the Defendant in accordance with the Sentence Review Division's Decision and file an Amended Judgment.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2025.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION



Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair



Hon. Matthew Cuffe, Member



Hon. Christopher Abbott, Member

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